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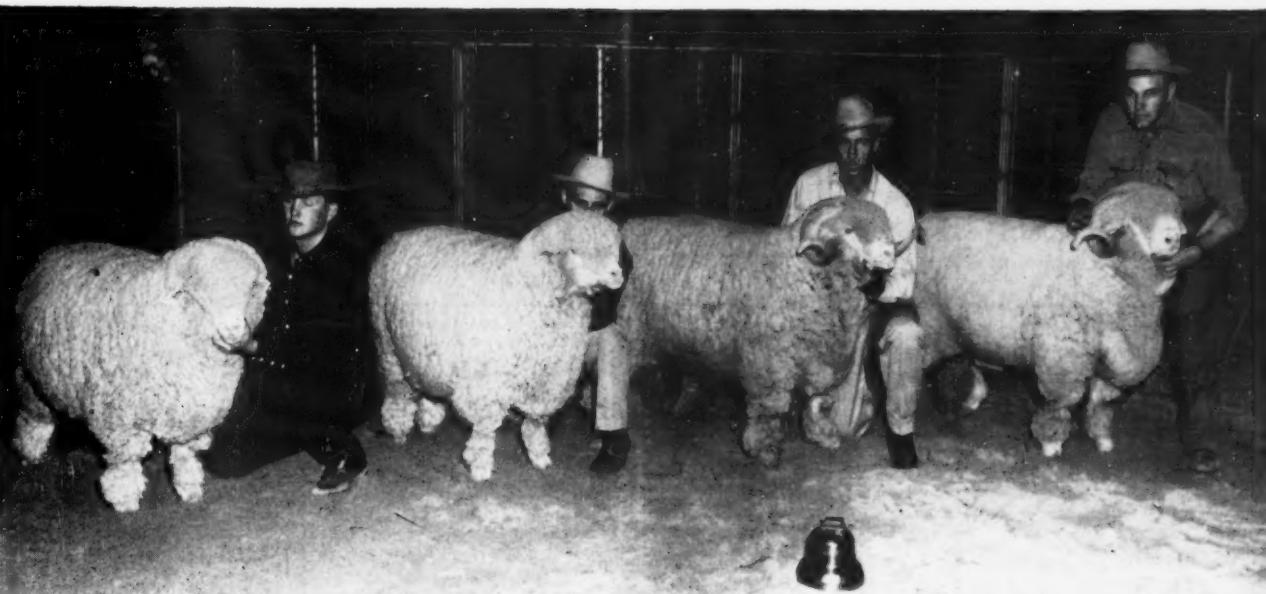
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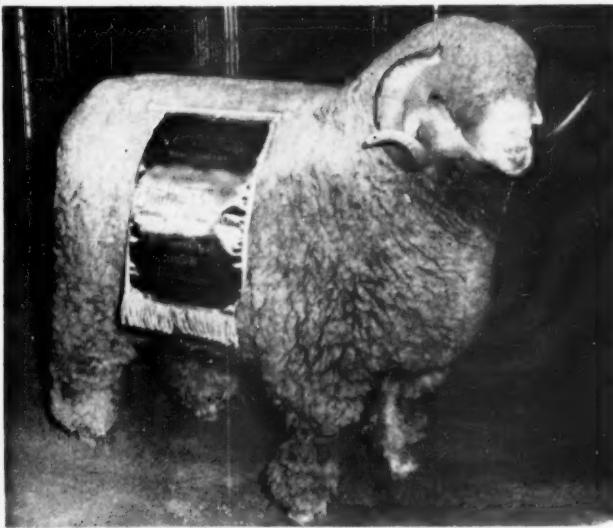
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OUR ATTEMPT to cover the winter-spring stock shows may seem rather feeble to some, especially those whose local or area shows are not touched or at least only superficially. All the shows this year have been good and no slight to any has been intended. It is a physical impossibility for one publication to cover all shows or all angles of any show. This magazine makes an attempt to outline the highlights of some of the major shows in so far as sheep and goat exhibits are concerned, stressing particularly the achievements of the breeders. The sore need for more and better breeding sheep and goats is the reason for this emphasis.

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It is becoming increasingly evident that the production of money-making lambs and profitable wool-producing ewes will follow as a matter of course when the ranchman stocks high quality sheep. Upon the registered breeders rests most of the responsibility in furnishing the ranchman the quality of stud sheep such a program demands. It is the responsibility of the leaders of young people and old to guide thinking to this end. Thus the emphasis placed upon the activities of those producing breeding animals.

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There has been a gradual swing away from the unmerited stress placed upon the fat lamb program of 4-H Club and FFA boys. In recent years this trend has been accelerated. While the program offers much good training for the young sheepman, there have been many flaws — glaring ones. It is encouraging to note that while progress may be slow and tedious many impractical aspects of the fat lamb feeding program for livestock shows are being eliminated.

## SHEEP PRODUCTION

THE PRODUCTION of both sheep and goats in this southwestern area stands at a discouraging level. This is due to a number of conditions over which the ranchman has little control. The current drought has decreased the livestock population by approximately 40 percent and in some sections even more. When the ranges get back to normal sheep numbers will increase faster than any other class of livestock and the demand will be great for better breeding stock.

The dull wool market is not at present encouraging to the sheepman. A fact which is encouraging is the need for wool of which this country is in desperately short supply.

The activity of the government and its bureaus has not been favorable to the sheepmen. The OPS has buggered the lamb situation so seriously that some experts of the lamb market predict that unless relief is forthcoming this year's lamb crop may be penalized by as much as 10 cents per pound. There are signs however that

some adjustment will be forthcoming. At any rate much effort is being expended to bring about this relief.

The labor situation with respect to Mexican nationals may not settle to the impossible point so many have predicted. The work that the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association has done on this problem has been productive — more so than is generally realized.

Even with overburdening feed bills and a multitude of problems it is well for the ranchman to remember that the traditional come-back is characteristic of the sheep industry.

## WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

MANY RANCHMEN are finding it advisable to carry workmen's compensation insurance. It is quite profitable for the ranchman to spend some time investigating the situation applicable to his particular operations; furthermore, even if the ranchman is not liable the expense and worry of unjust litigation is considerable. Most shearing machine operators carry compensation on their men and are considered independent operators and they are assumed to be liable for injuries of their employees.

To be safe ranchmen should insist on shearing contractors who do carry workmen's compensation on their men.



## STOCK SHOW FANS

(THE BOY IS FRONT COVER STUFF THIS MONTH)

Candy Jones, the big sister, and little brother, J. M. Jones, III, are interested in the doings at the Del Rio show. Candy and J. M. III are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jones of Del Rio, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones, College Station, well-known to Texas sheepmen, and Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Whitehead of Del Rio.

# From the Association Office

## ASSOCIATION SECURES MORE FAVORABLE LABOR INTERPRETATION

THE MIGRANT Labor Agreement of 1951 with Mexico which expired February 11 has been extended to May 11.

The House of Representatives and the Senate have passed almost identical bills dealing with the so-called wetback problem, but as of this date (February 27), the bill has not gone to a conference between the Senate and the House for agreement on differences in the two bills. It must then go to the President for signature before it becomes law.

Negotiations with Mexico on a new agreement are expected to get under way no later than March 15, according to information from Washington.

The House and Senate-passed bills provided penalties for bringing into this country and transporting and concealing aliens, but the bills provided that employment of aliens would not be considered harboring. This important provision was put in at the insistence of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. Senator James O. Eastland of Mississippi was instrumental in having this provision put in the Senate bill and the House later adopted the entire Senate bill.

The House bill provides that Immigration officers may go on private lands other than a dwelling after obtaining a search warrant issued by a judge or a magistrate while the Senate version provided that the District and Assistant Directors of the Immigration Service could issue these warrants. In each case, they would be good for thirty days.

## ATTEMPTS MADE TO STRENGTHEN PRICES

WOOL GROWERS, wool producers and senators and representatives from wool producing states have made several starts at firming up wool prices as a result of a meeting February 9th in Washington sponsored by Senator Joseph O'Mahoney (D., Wyoming).

A bill to require the Armed Services to use American grown wool so long as domestic wool is available has been introduced in the House by Congressman E. Y. Berry (R., S. D.) and in the Senate by Senator Francis Case, also of South Dakota.

Another step was the sending of a letter to Secretary of the Treasury Snyder calling on him to invoke the countervailing duties provided by Section 303 of the Tariff Act of 1930 in instances such as that complained of by Kenneth Marriner, Boston Top Maker, at the February 9th meeting.

Senator O'Mahoney was also preparing an amendment to H.R. 5505, the customs simplifications bill, which would strengthen the countervailing duty application in such cases.

These last two actions were prompted by the report of Marriner that the Argentina government was subsidizing their own manufacturers in the manufacture of wool tops by 50%. As a result, wool tops were quoted laid down in Boston at less than the cost of raw Argentina wool.

This same meeting recommended the government loan in preference to a wool purchase program which has been in effect a number of years. Texas grower representatives said that wool producers in their state were opposed to any government subsidy but that they were voting in favor of the loan feature because announcement of either the loan or purchase program by the Department of Agriculture was a mandatory one and that the loan was preferable to the purchase.

Congressman O. C. Fisher seemed to voice the sentiment of the grower representatives when he stated that "it was a shame that producers were put in the position of asking for a support program when they produced only one-fourth of the needs of the country for wool." He felt that either the loan or the purchase program was the wrong approach. He said that Texas wool growers were traditionally opposed to subsidies and he hoped that a better method might be found to encourage more wool production and make for a better price. He was in favor of greater tariff protection against foreign wools.

## WOOL PRICE SUPPORT PROGRAM TO OPERATE THROUGH LOANS IN '52

THE PRICE support program on shorn wool in 1952 will operate through a loan program rather than a purchase program as in recent years, the U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced. The average level of support has been announced previously at 90 per cent of parity and details with the dollars-and-cents support price will be announced about April 1 when the wool marketing year for price support purposes begins.

Since 1943 wool prices have been supported through purchase operations by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Price of pulled wool will continue as in recent years to be supported through purchases.

To be eligible for loan, title of shorn wool must rest with the producer. The wool must be placed in an approved warehouse, and must be in a merchantable condition. Similar provisions were in previous programs.

During most of the past two years, wool prices have ranged well above supports which have been based on 90 per cent of parity. No purchases were made under the 1950 program or to date under the 1951 program. All USDA stocks of wool acquired

**LABOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

OVER 6100 questionnaires on Mexican labor were sent out by the Association on February 23. By February 28 over 500 replies had been returned to the office. The comments of every individual ranchman on this matter are needed as soon as possible to help work out a solution to this plague of the industry.

The main points that need to be determined are (1) the number of Mexican Nationals that are needed by Texas ranchmen, and (2) what each ranchman pays as an average wage per month to this type of labor.

under previous programs have been sold.

A wool support program is required by the Agricultural Act of 1949. This Act requires support between 60 and 90 per cent of parity and provides further that support shall be at a level within the range to encourage an annual production of approximately 360 million pounds of shorn wool. Since production has been below this amount for several years, the support level has been set at 90 per cent of parity.

Two Texas Sheep and Goat Raiser Association representatives, Fred T. Earwood, Sonora, past president, and Ernest Williams, San Angelo, secre-

tary, attended a meeting in Washington in early February with wool grower representatives from other states during which the loan program was recommended instead of a purchase program.

A group of Texas warehousemen led by John T. Williams, Sanderson, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association president and a ranchman also, met with officials of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington last week to discuss the handlers' agreement of the new loan program. Other warehousemen were Al Krueger of San Angelo, Frank Roddie of Brady and Hollis Blackwell of Goldthwaite.

rain February 23, Eldorado proper had .41 of an inch.

The Milton Baugh ranch reported the heaviest precipitation, and the Kaffir area had an estimated 1.3 inches.

**NOT MUCH BUT IT HELPS**

PARTS OF Schleicher County received up to one and a half inches of

**More Emphasis on Breeding Planned for Bandera County**

WE KNOW that everyone concerned wants to put more emphasis on breeding sheep — and I want to give club members a year round job to do. This is still in the talking stage only — and is no news until something is done about it. My idea was to have the boy's breeding show later in the year — when the judges are through, then shear the sheep — demonstrate tying — and wool preparation — fix up the best fleeces for the Sonora Show — have the wool graded — labeled — and on display. I would want club members to bring in all their sheep and have them shown at the same time. Might even have a little wool show right then and there. Just mulling it over, this sounds better all the time.

Not much doing here. Am trying to catch up with office work, neglected during the shows. We did OK in San Antonio — about as usual.

Have been trying to get the Pipe Creek Predatory Animal Control Club to go again — and we expect to continue for another year. There are still a few coyotes down there and now have some up on Privilege Creek near Boerne in Bandera and Kendall County. Just a few, but enough to cause plenty of trouble. Webb McKinney is running three lines — he is the government trapper — one on the west side of Medina Lake — one on

the east side and one on Privilege. He actually works in Bexar, Bandera, Medina, Kendall, and Kerr Counties.

We have another club on the south end, below Tarpley. The trapper there has moved his line deep into Medina County and is trying to move the coyotes out north of S. P. railroad. He caught 17 last month. All of this is expensive to a bunch of growers already paying some big feed bills.

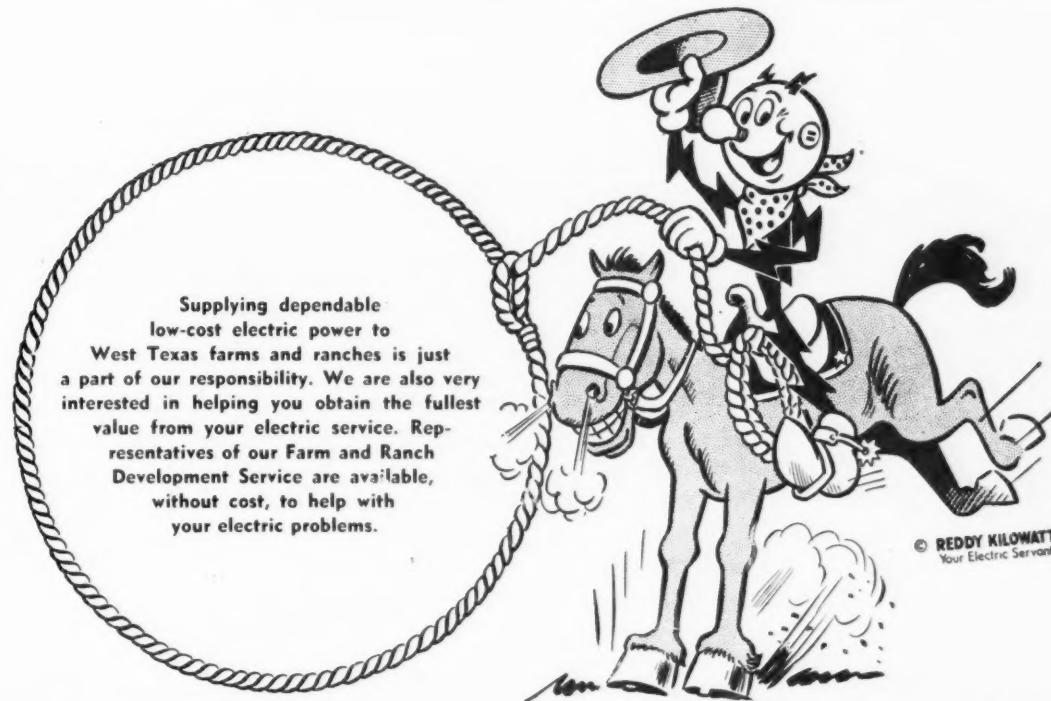
We got 1.4 inches of rain over the weekend. Did some good but not near enough. Bill Martin, one of our barbers here, said he had been doing some studying of history and the Bible and says he has it on good authority that the time when Noah built the ark and it rained 40 days and 40 nights — Bandera only got  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch!

Lambing and kidding has started. Much more trouble than usual. Young ewes are not claiming the lambs. Looks like we might have a good kid crop and a fair lamb crop — born but not yet raised.

Come to see us. —

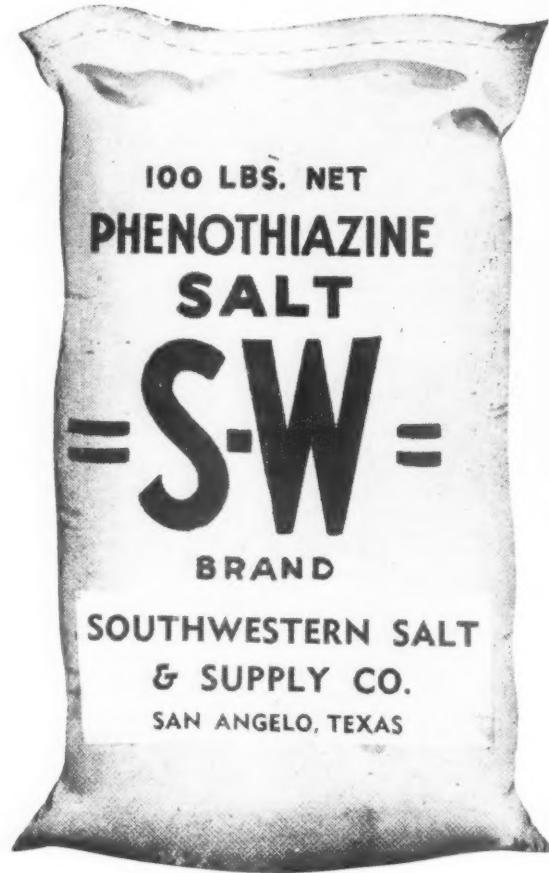
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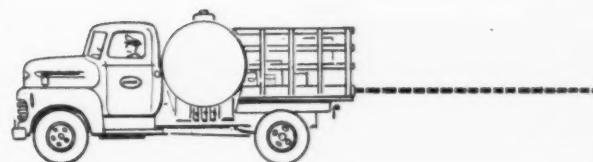
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# San Saba Welcomes Directors To First Meeting There

THE QUARTERLY Directors' Meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association will be held in San Saba, March 7-8. Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of that city are in charge of the program and entertainment and are the official hosts. The schedule is as follows:

## DIRECTORS PROGRAM

Friday, March 7

Friday afternoon — Registration Lobby San Saba Hotel  
Friday night, 9 'til — Informal Dance Hollis Blackwell Warehouse

Saturday, March 8  
8:30 9:30 A.M. — Committee Meetings High School  
9:30 A.M. — General Meeting Hollis Blackwell Warehouse

Invocation

Address of Welcome The Honorable Reuben Senterfitt, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives  
1:00 P.M. — Luncheon High School Cafeteria

## AUXILIARY PROGRAM

Friday, March 7

Friday afternoon — Registration Lobby San Saba Hotel  
Friday night, 9 'til — Informal Dance Hollis Blackwell Warehouse

Saturday, March 8  
8:00 A.M. — Breakfast Bill Owens' home  
9:30 A.M. — General Meeting Band House  
Welcome Address Mayor Bill Jameson of San Saba

1:00 P.M. — Luncheon High School Cafeteria

All requests for room reservations should be sent in care of San Saba Junior Chamber of Commerce, San Saba. Nice rooms are available to take care of the crowd.



**GENIAL HOSTS** — Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander of San Saba are in charge of most of the arrangements for the Sheep and Goat Raiser directors' meeting in San Saba March 8. Their excellent planning and work point to a successful meeting — despite the drought. Mr. Alexander comments that San Saba ranchmen's hopes are high even though it doesn't rain. "It thundered the other night," he said, "and the price of cattle went up \$2 a head."

## TOWNSPEOPLE TO HELP WITH ENTERTAINMENT

MANY PEOPLE in San Saba are helping with arrangements for the Quarterly Sheep and Goat Raisers' directors meeting to be held there March 7-8.

On the greeting committee are: Louis Crump, Hollis Blackwell, John Alexander, Kelly Owen, Jack Harkey and H. E. Stewardson.

In charge of entertainment are:

Charles Miffliton, Reuben Ashley and Dan Neper.

Mrs. John Alexander and L. P. (Slim) Coborn are managing the details for the luncheon.

Assisting Mrs. Alexander in arrangements for the Auxiliary program are: Mrs. Bill Owen, Mrs. Lillian Yates, Mrs. Reuben Ashley and Mrs. H. E. Stewardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander are commanders in-chief of the planning.

## SAN SABA NOTED FOR FAT LAMB NUMBERS

SAN SABA is not a stock sheep country, but claims with substantial proof to ship more fat lambs out of its boundaries each year than any other county in Texas.

Many years ago, ranchmen tried to keep breeding sheep, but needle grass and internal parasites forced them out of business in the summer months. There are very few breeding sheep at present in the county and there are between 8,000 and 10,000 goats according to A. B. Ford, county agent. The grass is exceptionally strong and rich in mineral content and in normal years lambs fattened on grass pastures sometimes double their weight. Prior to the drought stock sheep numbers increased slightly, but it is primarily a fattening out country since internal parasites have been brought under control.

The first man to winter sheep in the San Saba country was Tuffy Taylor, who put a bunch of aged muttons on grass one fall in the early '30's. They got fat so fast that he shipped them to market in January. Other early lamb feeders were R. M. Manley who had between 8,000 and 9,000 head in 1934-35. A. L. Neal of Brady pastured some sheep in 1935 at 12 cents per head per month.

The country is adaptable to wintering sheep because of its mild winters and early springs. Needle grass makes resting of pastures a necessity during the summer and the needles are generally cleaned up by rain and wind before the lambs arrive and a good grass and weed cover is in evidence by fall. Annual rainfall is 27 inches as a rule and is evenly distributed through the winter except in March, April and May are usually good.

Sometimes as many as 80,000 lambs winter in San Saba County. In good years the lambs will weigh better than 90 pounds out of the wool. Besides the income the county derives from wintering lambs it has also created an important market for lambs raised on ranches in far West Texas.

**Headquarters for the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Quarterly Meeting**, March 7-8 in San Saba, will be the Hotel San Saba. The lobby will be open for registration any time after 12 o'clock noon, Friday, March 7. Tickets and programs may be obtained there.

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**When T. B. Hart, early day ranchman, came to San Saba he traded a watch worth about \$4 for 231 acres of land near San Saba. Land at that time sold for as little as 15 cents per acre.**



**JAYCEE PRENY** — Louis Crump, young San Saba attorney, is president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. That organization heads all civic affairs and promotion for the town and county, and will entertain the Sheep and Goat Raisers during the meeting in San Saba, March 8.

## W. H. GIBBONS HAD FIRST SHEEP IN SAN SABA COUNTY

(Editor's Note: This information on Mr. Gibbons is from the book, "The Call of the San Saba," written by Mrs. Alma Ward Hamrick of San Saba.)

WHEN W. H. Gibbons passed away in 1933 at his ranch home south of Richland Springs he owned the community's largest ranch, 36,000 acres. He was San Saba County's biggest taxpayer. A major stockholder in the banks of the section, Gibbons got his "start" from a bunch of sheep.

He was a native of Athlone, Ireland. After landing in New York he came to Fredericksburg where he spent some time. Having a desire to press farther westward, he and a friend, W. H. Bambridge, left San Antonio in 1870 with 1800 head of Spanish Merino sheep for which they had paid \$5 cents per head. They were 18 months on the road from San Antonio to San Saba County.

Gibbons recalled that he bought one tract of land consisting of 640 acres facing on Brady Creek at the price of \$1 per acre. This was acquired as a means of securing water for his sheep. The price of land that he purchased ranged from 50 cents to \$5 per acre.

At first his sheep sheared about three pounds per head, but in later years, due to the high standard of breeding, they have sheared from 12 to 15 pounds each. For a number of years after coming to the San Saba country the wool was hauled from the ranch to Austin by ox-wagon. Ordinarily it took 12 days to make the trip, but in case of a rise on the Colorado River it sometimes required 30 days.

At the present time there are still good registered Delaine sheep on the Gibbons Ranch. A few goats are kept mostly for their meat. Hereford cattle, fine horses and hogs are also raised.

## Owen Brothers Have Made Lambs Count in San Saba

By Sue Flanagan

KELLY AND Bill Owen of San Saba are a couple of hometown boys who have not only made good in their own right but have made the hometown better in so doing. The Owens have gone into the business of wintering lambs on a big scale and their climb has encouraged other men in the area to enter the lamb pasturage business with the result of about a million dollars a year now coming into the county on this program. Besides pasturing a large number of lambs themselves, they are dealers in all sorts of livestock as well.

While the Owen boys are not the first to go into the lamb business they are the biggest operators in the county and were among the pioneers in the wintering business. Others who winter sheep are Pete Miffliton, Owen Parks, the Ellis Family, Frank Sloan, Sam Laird, Dr. H. A. Wimberly, the Kuykendall family, and Jack and Speck Spurlock.

The Owens average between 15,000 and 19,000 lambs a year, and have wintered as many as 20,000 head themselves. In addition they buy and sell lambs for other ranchmen who winter lambs on a smaller scale. All told they usually handle 40,000 lambs a year. This year Bill and Kelly are pasturing 16,000 lambs for themselves.

Born on a small farm in San Saba County, the Owen brothers had to make the initial scratch that most people usually start from. In 1933, Kelly was working for an oil company and Bill was running some sheep for himself. They wintered their first lambs on a partnership deal in 1934-35. There were only 700 head that year — but they made money.

The best gain they ever showed was in the fall of 1943. They purchased 8,000 head of lambs from the late Cas Bledsoe of San Angelo. The lambs weighed 44 pounds when they went to San Saba in the fall and when they were shipped out in May the pay weight was 93 pounds. Range conditions were good that year and the price was 10 cents a pound — both coming and going. Another good year was 1945. They had 20,000 lambs of their own and the government paid \$5.15 cwt. premium.

When the pasturage business first started it netted \$1 to \$2.50 a head for the season. In the winter of 1950-51 the price was \$5 to \$8 and this year, which ends in May, prices for pastures were \$5 to \$6.50 a head.

As to regular lamb contracts, at this writing the Owens have not bought any lambs in the area and the prices being talked wouldn't even make a good rumor. With grease wool and wool tops on the stock market boards pointing up, however, the brothers look for a break soon in the currently bleak sheep outlook.

Success in partnership is measured by time and profit and in 18 years the Owen boys have never had a cross

or even sideways word, and their bank account has climbed as steadily as if its mother were frightened by an oil well. Every partnership that has proved successful on examination is found to be balanced. In the case of the Owen brothers, Bill is the family man and likes to be close to home. He is sure that tomorrow will be soon enough to jump and sell or buy a lot of sheep. Kelly is the fast-moving, quick-deciding, impetuous member. Bill most of the time will not be too far from San Saba and can be reached by phone, but Kelly is likely to be anywhere in the five corners of the Texas Lone Star any time he smells a trade. In a hotel lobby or anywhere a group of stockmen are gathered he goes from one to the other like a politician running for office. By visiting with these men he can "feel" the market rising or falling. A quick calculator, and a shrewd judge of people, his formula for understanding human nature has many times meant a sizeable increase in the Owens' receipts — but the restraint of his brother has likewise proved profitable on frequent occasions.

Each of these sandy-haired boys is essential to the balance of their livestock business and the combination has become one of the most successful dealer firms in Texas.

### SAN SABA'S NAME AND CLAIM TO FAME

MOST TOWNS — in Texas anyway — lay claim to some title of a superlative nature. San Saba, March host to the Sheep and Goat Raiser directors, is no exception.

San Saba is known as "the home of the Paper Shell Pecan" and produces more pecans than any other county in the state. With the pecan tree as the state tree, San Sabans are proud of this title. E. E. Risien's work as a pecan breeder gave San Saba that claim to world renown and during the time he lived had such famous people as Queen Victoria and Alfred Lord Tennyson eat his pecans. Now the county produces 3,000,000 pounds of pecans annually.

The oldest newspaper in West Texas was founded at San Saba. It began operation in January, 1873, and has given continuous service since that time without a change of name.

San Saba County was created from Bexar County in 1856. It contains 1,116 square miles, has an altitude of 1,100 to 1,700 feet, has an annual rainfall of 27 inches and a mean annual temperature of 67.2 degrees.

During and immediately after the Civil War, tobacco was grown commercially in San Saba.

In normal years the county will produce about a million pounds of (Continued on page 52)



KELLY OWEN



BILL OWEN

**THE OWEN BROTHERS** — The biggest livestock dealers in San Saba County are Kelly and Bill Owen. They could almost be classed as "Town and Country Partners." Kelly is the town man and travels the five corners of the Texas Lone Star on livestock deals. Bill sticks close to home on his headquarters a few miles out of San Saba and can always be reached by phone.

## First West Texas Wool Marketing Association Formed at San Saba

(Editor's Note: Information for this story is quoted from the book, "The Call of the San Saba," written by Alma Ward Hamrick of San Saba.)

POSSIBLY one of the earliest co-operative wool marketing associations in the state of Texas was that carried on through the former Ward-Murray Bank, now City National Bank of San Saba, which according to three well-known San Saba citizens took place about 1885, some two years after the bank was organized. Persons who recall that much wool was bought by Eastern buyers in San Saba were Mrs. Mac Ward Holman, daughter of one of the founders of the Ward-Murray private banking system, T. A. Murray, son of W. T. Murray, also a founder of the old bank; and J. D. Estep, oldest merchant now living in San Saba. Mr. Estep has been in business in San Saba since 1875.

Each recalls the days when many wagonloads of wool were brought from the sections to the west of San Saba and was stored in small vacant houses before it was purchased, and sometimes afterwards. Most of the wool came in from the west since many Englishmen and some Scotchmen were settling in the western part of San Saba County, in McCulloch, Concho and Tom Green Counties. The only early sheep ranch in the eastern or southeastern part of the county was that of the Ramsey Brothers, now owned by Mack H. Yates.

During the three or four years that wool was purchased cooperatively in San Saba the Ward-Murray bank handled much of the wool through their buyers from the East as well as much of the money derived from this source.

Mrs. Holman credits N. D. Lidstone, who came into the firm as a

cashier two years after the bank was organized, with the plan of marketing in this manner. He came from Galveston and had many advanced ideas on banking. He was associated with the Ward-Murray Bank for many years and was a large stockholder.

About the time that the wool marketing association was being formed in the city of San Saba, the value of wool to the world was being driven home in the vicinity of Boston, where huge factories were located. Immense ranches were being purchased by large English syndicates along the headquarters of the San Saba. Yale and Harvard graduates with flings for adventure, along with titled Englishmen, came in to look after these ranching interests. Many of them settled permanently on portions of this land.

A plan of marketing the wool from these ranches to the west was worked out through the Ward-Murray Bank, which each season made trades with buyers from the East to come to this section in the spring. When wagonloads of wool began to arrive the sheepmen came, too. Mrs. Holman recalls. They all gathered at the Dofflemyer House which was the terminal for the stage coach to the west in those days. The Dofflemyer Hotel was the best hostelry west of Austin and Mrs. Holman notes that the West Texas Co-operative Marketing Association was likely formed in the lobby of the old hotel. Wagons brought in loads of wool from the San Angelo section also.

The Concho and San Angelo sections were settled more thickly during the later '80s and the buyers who had come into San Saba moved to San Angelo with the building of the Santa Fe into that area, and since that time San Angelo has enjoyed the prestige that San Saba had on a smaller scale.



## Del Rio Winners . . .

(Complete Results Start on Page 12)

Top, left: David Fawcett, right, and Tuffy Whitehead, left, with Champion and Reserve Champion Lamb.

Second, left: Mrs. Gilbert Marshall presents her son, Gilbert, the top ribbon in the ewe lamb class.

Third, left: Lineup of light whiteface lambs; Jim Dinsmoor, first. Bottom, left: W. R. (Lee) Whitehead, Del Rio, and Jess M. Cox Langtry, talk with Bob Miers, Del Rio. Mr. Miers, an old-timer in the sheep industry, gets a big kick out of the boys' show. "I had to learn the hard way," he says.

Top, right: Bill Cauthorn and his Champion Rambouillet Ram. Bottom right: T. J. Jarrett and his Reserve Champion Rambouillet Ram.

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#### PEOPLE

Here is a picture of the crowd at the Del Rio Livestock Show, February 9. There is always a good crowd at this show.



#### THE GALS WATCH

Pretty Val Verde County girls are always on hand for the show. Left to right - Top to bottom: Kay Mills, daughter of Henry Mills, Jr. one of the show officials; Patsy Girard, San Antonio; Carol Tanksley, Paula Ann Wallace, Mary Elizabeth Call and Linda Jane Tanksley, who is squirming slightly out of focus.

## Del Rio Show Excellent in Sheep and Weather

THE FFA and 4-H Club boys under Jack Lynch and Herman Jenkins brought together some dandy sheep for breeding sheep Judge, Leo Richardson, and lamb Judge Vestel Askew. For once the weather was fine - probably a little too warm for the judges and exhibitors.

Top of the breeding sheep show was an H. C. Noelke bred Rambouillet ram exhibited by Bill Cauthorn.

A Pat Rose, Jr. bred ram shown by T. J. Jarrett was reserve champion. A Rose ewe shown by Jarrett was champion and a Therrell Rose ewe shown by Gilbert Marshall was reserve champion.

David Fawcett had the champion fat lamb and Tuffy Whitehead reserve. Both were Lee Fawcett bred lambs. The showmanship award went (Continued on page 14)



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Rambouillet Flock: 1st, T. J. Jarrett, breeder, Rose; 2nd, Bobby Cauthorn, breeder, Rose; 3rd, David Fawcett, breeder, Clyde Thaté.

Suffolk Ram: 1st, Martin Mayfield, breeder, Clarence Jessup; 2nd, Eddie Young, breeder, Ham Forrester; 3rd, Hilary Doran, breeder, Forrester.

Heavy White Face Lambs: 1st, Bill Moses, breeder, Jess Cox; 2nd, John Green, breeder, Cox; 2nd, Ronald Cummings, breeder, Babb Townsend.

Light Weight White Face Lambs: 1st, Jim Dinsmore, breeder, Cox; 2nd, David Fawcett, breeder, H. K. Fawcett; 3rd, Howard Drisdale, breeder, Sparks Rust.

Blackface: 1st, David Fawcett, breeder, Lee Fawcett; 2nd, Tuffy Whitehead, breeder, Fawcett; 3rd, John Potter, breeder, Ray Henderson.

## FINE WOOL LAMB WINS UVALDE SHOW

IDA MAE Reavis of Utopia took top honors at the FFA and 4-H Club show in Uvalde, February 5, with her fine wool lamb.

Mary Fisher of Utopia had the reserve grand champion lamb.

Ida Fae Porter won a showmanship award for sheep and goats and Hazel Stitts of Uvalde also took honors in the Angora Division.

## CROSSBRED LAMB WINS GLASSCOCK SHOW

AT THE annual Glasscock Stock Show, February 8 in Garden City, Wilburn Bednar showed the grand champion crossbred lamb.

Marion Wilkinson showed the champion fine wool lamb and John Phillips exhibited the Southdown first place lamb.

Local ranchmen, businessmen and oil company representatives treated the crowd of over 1,000 to a barbecue.

A total of 88 lambs were entered in the three lamb classes. Herman Carter of San Angelo was judge.

Winners of the first three places in the lamb classes were:

Lightweight fine wool: Bryant Harris, FFA, 1st; Jack Asbill, 4-H, 2nd; Troy Cline, 4-H, 3rd.

Heavyweight fine wool: Marion Wilkinson, 4-H, 1st and 2nd; D. Phillips, 3rd.

Grand Champion: Marion Wilkinson.

Reserve Champion: Bryant Harris. Lightweight crossbred: Wilburn Bednar, FFA, 1st; Tommie Rich, 2nd; Jimmy Cook, 3rd.

Grand Champion: Wilburn Bednar. Reserve Champion: Tommie Rich. Southdown class: John J. Phillips, 1st; Cecil Huggins, 4-H, 2nd; Retha Lee Huggins, 4-H, 3rd.

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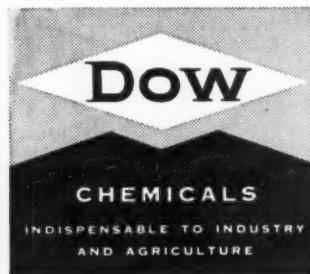
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# Washington Parade

By Fred Bailey

THE ONCE powerful Farm Bloc is headed for probably its most crucial test in years when it leads the battle for decontrol of prices. It is taking on a fight in which the odds admittedly are against it.

The chances are not improved by the fact that the farm ranks, if not split, certainly are showing signs of cracking. Not in 20 years has the Farm Bloc won a fight in which it failed to present a united front.

The Farm Bureau and the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives are flatly on record for repeal of both wage and price controls. They want the control powers stricken from the Defense Production Act, now due to expire on June 30.

The National Grange, while for decontrol, want ceilings removed by a formula which it has worked out. It would continue the control powers, but require OPS to remove ceilings whenever the Secretary of Agriculture finds that supplies of the commodity is about equal to demand.

The Farmers Union, which is short on membership but long on influence over Administration officials, is 100 per cent for longer and stronger controls. It will go down the line with the labor organizations for full government controls.

Virtually every farm commodity group, including cattlemen and sheepmen, is putting on pressure for decontrol. And they have some rather potent arguments with which to back their stand.

They can point, for example, to their experience under wartime OPA, when cattle numbers declined by 12 million and didn't start upward again until 1947. Hog numbers likewise dropped by 27 million head under the influence of OPA.

They argued until they were blue in the face, while DiSalle was head of OPS, that the only practical way to keep prices down is through maximum production. They will try out the same argument on the new OPS chief, former Georgia governor, Ellis Arnall.

There is little chance that they will

convince the Administration that they know what they are talking about, but they may have somewhat better success with Congress. A large number of congressmen show signs of switching over to the decontrol side in the argument that soon will rock Congress.

Unfortunately for the farm group the issue may be decided not so much on whether controls are good or bad for the country, but on the basis of which course would be likely to attract the most votes next November. Veteran political observers are betting on the side of continued controls.

President Truman, in asking for stronger control powers and a two-year extension of the price act, is frankly asking for considerably more than he either hopes or expects to get. He will be happy—and lucky—if he can get a one-year extension of the present law.

It is known by a few congressmen that the President made his request in the face of a confidential Stabilization Office memorandum which predicted an easing of inflationary forces after about the middle of this year. Officials have declined to reveal details of the memorandum.

We can reveal, however, that the document asserts that industrial output already is being geared to meet reduced military needs without any serious curtailment in civilian goods. The cutback in allocation of critical materials will be much less than expected.

The defense program is to go on increasing through this year, but will reach a peak in 1953, the military chiefs have decided. At that time defense spending will be about four billion dollars a month, instead of the five billion dollars planned earlier.

Government officials are far less optimistic over the prospect for increasing agricultural production than they are over the outlook for industrial production. This is a reversal within the past few weeks.

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cials are putting the screws on Secretary Brannan to get more farm production this year. Brannan, in turn, is getting set to launch a vigorous farm production campaign.

Late last fall he set the 1952 crop goal at 3 million acres over 1951. The White House told him that the increase was not large enough. So the Secretary went back and early this year added another 3½ million, upping the goals to 6½ million acres over last year.

Stabilization officials wanted an increase of at least 25 million acres, but Brannan said that would be impossible and that it was silly to ask for that much. He is far from sure that he can get the 6½ million more acres that he put in the goals.

"Farm labor is our No. 1 problem and it is a tough one," USDA Production Chief Gus Geissler said. "But it isn't the only problem. Weather is, of course, a big factor, but farmers could use more machinery, fertilizer and pesticides than will be available."

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics confirms the farm labor problem. The total farm population was reduced by more than a million last year. That included more than 300,000 workers. A further reduction, probably equally as large, is predicted for this year. Industry is gaining while agriculture loses.

Some idea of the size of the job ahead for farmers between now and 1975 can be had from a study of an official USDA chart which forecasts population trends and food demands for the next 23 years. More than a year of study went into preparation of the chart.

The Department accepts the Census Bureau estimate that the U. S. population in 1975 will be 190 million. That would mean food for five persons where only four are fed now.

To feed that size population as well as at present we would need as many more beef animals as are in Texas, Oklahoma and Minnesota combined. We would need as many lambs as are produced in Montana, Wyoming, Nevada and Utah combined.

We would need as much additional milk as is now produced in Wisconsin, Michigan and New York combined, and as many more eggs as are produced in California, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Pennsylvania combined.

If there is no increase in yields per acre we would need as much new farm land as is now under cultivation in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio combined. The answer may be found, the Department hopes, in increased use of fertilizer and better utilization of present land.

More production per worker certainly will be required. Today each farm family feeds itself and five others in cities. By 1975 each farm family will need to feed itself and nine others in cities.

Barring unexpected developments, it is now plain that Congress has no intention of making any changes of consequence in the present farm program at this session. Only a few bills have been introduced and there is no indication that either of the agriculture committee will recommend new legislation.

Neither the Agriculture Depart-

ment nor any of the farm organizations will push for legislation. Congress very seldom takes the initiative on new legislation and will not act unless pushed, more especially this year because the congressmen are anxious to wind up Washington business and head for home by the first of July.

More than a month after start of the final session of the 82nd Congress, neither the House nor the Senate Agriculture Committee had scheduled hearings on farm legislation. In-

stead, both have pretty well filled their legislative calendar with investigations into Commodity Credit Corp. handling of the grain storage program.

There are several proposals to raise price support levels in view of higher production costs this year, but neither the Agriculture Department nor the agriculture committees apparently intend to take the initiative in doing anything. If, however, farm prices start skidding you can look for a flurry of activity to shore up the price support program in a hurry.

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## Harvesting Hegari With Lambs

By R. C. Mowery, Head  
Department of Animal Husbandry  
Texas Technological College, and  
Claude R. Ash, Graduate Student

WHILE TEXAS Technological College has used lambs a good many years to harvest sorghums, this is the first year that hegari has been the sorghum used. The results were not phenomenally good. The lambs gained only 195 pounds per acre. Neither was the dry land raised hegari good, as the estimated grain yield was 660 pounds and the dry forage yield three tons per acre. 60-pound lambs stocked at 17 lambs per acre consumed the better part of the crop in 44 days, and made an average daily gain of 0.26 pounds. However, there was still many standing stalks that furnished much grazing for ewes.

Due to the fact that we had wet weather when the lambs should have been removed, limited supplemental

feeding was done at intervals. A total of 62 pounds of cottonseed hulls, 26 pounds of cottonseed meal and 8 pounds each of salt and limestone were fed per acre.

The following interpretation is placed upon this year's results:

195 lbs. of lamb gain per acre at \$28	\$54.60
Cash value of feeds fed Supplementally per acre	3.03
Total value of the field when Harvested by lambs	51.30
We valued the field per acre (had the hegari been sold) at	30.00
A gain per acre in favor of harvesting With lambs of	21.30

Attention is called to the fact that this has been a poor year financially for feeding lambs, because fat lamb prices have continued to recede. Probably we can contribute something, however, by reviewing a few of the

things about field feeding lambs that we believe to be true.

1. The prospective lamb feeder must use every means possible to cheapen the cost of his gains, because to start with he must expect a ten pound loss in weight per lamb as a result of the accumulated shrinkage from ranch to farm and from farm on to market. With \$30 lambs, that is \$3 per lamb, which must be absorbed before he can make a profit.

2. Field feeding offers considerable promise in cheapening gains but precautions must be taken in order to reduce the possibility of death loss and to insure good gains.

3. Sumac sorghum, African millet and hegari are safer crops to begin on than milo, and fields that have been "lost" to weeds and Johnson grass are even safer, but in any case the use of one-half to three-fourths pound of cottonseed hulls or grass hay (not alfalfa) per head daily is a help. The first day leave lambs in the field only 30 minutes. Increase the time daily until in five days lambs can be allowed free range of the field.

4. Until frost additional protein is not necessary, but after frost three-fourths pound of alfalfa and one-fourth pound of cottonseed meal will improve the results and by so doing it is possible to get as good gains in the field as on dry lot rations.

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towards the end of the period and remove the lambs. It is very easy to think that a field will last three weeks only to find out the next day that they are without feed and have shrunk.

6. With 60 to 70 days in the field, from 30 to 40 per cent of the heaviest and fattest lambs should immediately be shipped to market. This will eliminate the hazard of several pounds shrinkage while getting them started in the feed lot and help pay off the note at the bank.

It will be more profitable to purchase lighter and thinner lambs or ewes to finish up the field rather than keep the original lambs on the field until they have lost weight.

8. The College has consistently tagged, drenched and vaccinated with mixed bacterin, but has never shorn their lambs nor used the "over-eating" type of vaccination. This year's death loss was 1 per cent.

8. While shearing lambs before or during the feeding period does not fit in well with experimental work, unless the experiment is designed for that purpose, we have at times sheared a few. Our observations have been that shorn lambs do not gain quite as rapidly as lambs that have not been shorn, and that it takes a little more feed to put on the gain than with unshorn lambs. This is during the period November through February.

The College has never had conditions that would permit it to self-feed lambs a mixture while they were on ranch grass, but has watched with much interest some ranchmen that have done this most successfully.

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### TOMMY WOMACK TO SAN SABA

TOMMY WOMACK, formerly with the Sonora Wool and Mohair Company, has taken over the manager's job of the San Saba wool warehouse owned by Hollis Blackwell of Goldthwaite.

Blackwell purchased the San Saba warehouse about six months ago from Tom Richey.

Previously Womack had worked with Blackwell, with Bill Fields at Sonora and at the Fields and Johnson warehouse in Ballinger.

Johnny Williams, owner of the Sanderson and Alpine wool warehouses, contracted between 20,000 and 25,000 fleeces of mohair the first two weeks in February. Prices, net to the grower, were \$1 and \$1.25 per pound.

Goats that have been shorn in that country have yielded exceptionally good fleeces, he commented.

Between the two warehouses, Williams reports, almost 800,000 pounds of wool — most of it fall clip — still on hand.

Beall Barbee, owner of the Ozona Wool and Mohair Company, estimates that he has on hand about 450,000 pounds of fall wool; 43,000 pounds of eight-months clip; and 40,000 pounds of 12 months wool.

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I have repeatedly urged that heavy exports of scrap from this country be curbed unless strong justification is shown, and that even then restrictions be imposed that would take into account our own steel shortage here at home.

Mr. Sawyer reports to me that export quota of 25,000 short tons of scrap and 2,500 tons of pig iron have been established for the first quarter of 1952. This is designed to permit closer coordination between export licensing and domestic supplies.

Scrap export to Mexico last year amounted to 104,000 tons. The year before it was 124,334 tons, and the year before that the figure was 122,218 tons.

Major portion of this scrap goes to an American-owned open hearth furnace plant located in Piedras Negras, fueled by Texas natural gas. Steel ingots are produced there to supply that company's two rolling mills at Mexico City and nearby.

The American Smelting and Refining Company is the other scrap importer. It, too, is principally American owned, and in addition to the

steel plant has many mining operations in Mexico.

There is no export of scrap or of steel products out of Mexico. All is consumed there to sustain Mexican economy and mining operations. In fact, 251,000 tons of finished steel was imported by Mexico last year to supplement their own production from scrap.

By way of comparison, the United States consumed 34 million long tons of scrap iron last year. Our total steel production amounted to about 110 million tons.

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O. C. FISHER,  
 Congressman  
 (Washington Letter)

**The Twin Elm Ranch** on the Tarp-ley Road has been purchased by Mrs. Lucille Rainey and Mrs. Evelyn Stein of Galveston. Prue Realty Company of Bandera arranged the transaction.

The new owners have taken possession of the ranch and are making plans for the formal opening. Mr. and Mrs. Stan Laracy were the former owners. They have now moved to Corpus Christi.



**THATE SHOWS CHAMPION RAM**

Clyde Thate, polled Rambouillet breeder, is shown with his prize winning polled Rambouillet ram of the Coleman County show. Lester Newman of Santa Anna was feeder and he showed the champion Rambouillet ewe.



DISMUKES TOPS FORT WORTH ANGORA GOAT SHOW—S. W. Dismukes, Rocksprings, Texas is shown with his champion Angora buck and doe of the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show. Mr. Dismukes, a veteran breeder and exhibitor, had an excellent show flock for the shows this year.

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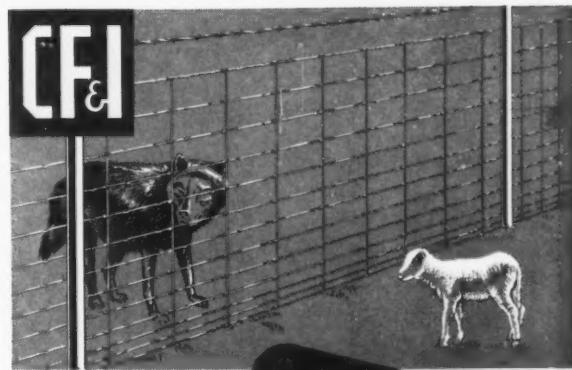
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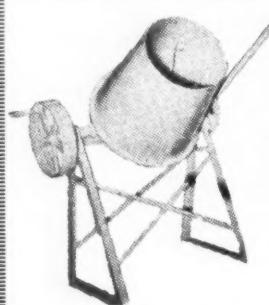
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**LEO RICHARDSON EXHIBITS RESERVE  
 CHAMPION RAM**

A nice ram lamb exhibited by Leo Richardson, Iraan, was placed Reserve Champion at the Southwestern Exposition Rambouillet Show.

# Ram Progeny and Performance Testing

## WHAT IS IT AND WHAT OF IT?

By Dr. J. C. Miller, Head  
Department of Animal Husbandry  
A. & M. College of Texas

MUCH ATTENTION has been focused on progeny and performance testing in recent years as useful tools in livestock improvement. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station has pioneered in this work through its beef bull testing, started at the Balmorhea Station in 1942. The work, now in its 11th year has tested some 1,400 head of young breeding stock. Similar tests are in progress at Bluebonnet Farm near McGregor, Texas, and at PanTech Farms, near Amarillo, Texas, where the work is cooperative with Texas Technological College. The Bureau of Animal Industry is also cooperating with the Texas Station and with many other State Experiment Stations in a National Beef Cattle Improvement Program.

An outgrowth of the early cattle work was to arouse interest among Texas purebred sheep breeders to apply similar performance tests to breeding sheep. Following preliminary meetings between sheep breeders and Experiment Station personnel the sheep testing program now in progress was started at the Sonora Station in the fall of 1948. This cooperative testing program between breeders of purebred sheep in Texas and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station is now in its fourth year with 254 ram lambs on test. Rambouillet, Delaine Merino, Columbia, Corriedale, Suffolk, and crossbred rams are represented.

Although a fine spirit of cooperation exists between the cooperators and the Station, there is some confusion among commercial sheep growers and the public in general as to the objectives of and benefits from such testing program. This list of questions and answers is presented in the hope they will help to clarify the aims and the uses to be made of such tests.

### What are the objectives of the test?

To measure the rate of gain, fleece production and body development of lambs under the same environmental conditions.

To determine what portion of the differences in rate of gain, fleece production and mutton conformation is due to heredity.

To evaluate the sires of lambs tested, as regards further use of those sires.

To identify superior performing individuals for prospective use as sires.

### How is the test conducted?

A minimum of 4 ram lambs by the same sire may be entered by a breeder. These lambs should have been dropped in the spring of the test year although lambs dropped after November 1 of the preceding year are ac-

ceptable. Proper identification and a three-generation pedigree of each lamb must be furnished. A fee sufficient to cover feed cost for the feeding period is payable in advance to the Sonora Substation of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

All lambs are delivered to the Station around September 1, where they are sheared, drenched and sprayed. They are then paint-branded and are weighed into experimental lots where all are given the same feed, care and management for eight 28-day periods, or a total of 224 days.

At the end of the test all rams are weighed, sheared and staple length of wool is measured. A committee of two breeders and two Substation workers rate each ram for face covering, belly wool and body conformation. A total skinfold score is calculated for each ram, based on size and location of folds. Fleeces are scoured and clean wool and fiber diameter are determined.

### What is the ration, and are all rams fed the same amount?

The ration consists of equal parts by weight of whole threshed oats and good quality alfalfa hay. Water and salt are available at all times. Thirty small pens are available for sire groups of 4 lambs. Additional lambs are grouped by weight and group-fed in large pens. After getting them on feed, the lambs are fed twice daily what feed they will clean up in a reasonable period of time.

### Is a record kept of feed consumed?

Yes. In the individual sire group pens it is possible to calculate the feed required per pound gain by sire groups. In the large pens the over-all feed required per pound gain is calculated.

### Don't the large rams crowd the smaller ones away from the feed bunks?

It is advisable to select lambs uniform in size for each progeny group to minimize this factor. In the large pens, lambs are grouped according to weight to equalize them. However, there is ample bunk space for all and crowding is not a serious problem. It might be added that aggressiveness is one measure of a good feeder, and a lamb that allows himself to be pushed away from the bunk is not likely to be a good doer either in the feedlot or on the range.

Since a considerable spread in age is permissible, does this not favor the older lambs?

Analysis of the data for the past three years has failed to show any con-

sistent difference in gain due to age. With an eight months feeding period the younger lambs tend to overcome any disadvantage due to age by the end of the test.

### What about the condition of lambs going on test?

Extremely thin lambs coming from drouthy range require more time to

get on feed and are handicapped for the entire period. In extreme cases they never make satisfactory gain. Fat lambs are also at a disadvantage and don't gain as well as thrifty lambs in growing condition. Lambs to be tested should be kept in strong thrifty condition but should not be full fed nor creep fed.

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#### BRYAN SHOWS CHAMP SUFFOLK RAM

Johnny Bryan, of the Trans-Pecos Ranch, Fort Stockton, showed Champion Suffolk Ram at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, Fort Worth.

#### PIERCE AND BRYAN SHOW TOP GET-OF-SIRES

Probably the most coveted winning in any breeding sheep show is the Get-of-Sire award. At Fort Worth in the Rambouillet show Miles Pierce, Alpine, topped with a fine exhibit. Johnny Bryan, Fort Stockton, won in the Suffolk show. Pierce is shown standing in top photo, and Bryan is shown in photo below just back of the Sheep Breeder Trophy, which both breeders won.



## Problems Studied by Range Management Society

### Texas Man, Allred, Elected Vice-President

MANY OF stockmen's problems were traced to changes in the plant cover of western range lands by speakers at the fifth annual meeting of the American Society of Range Management at Boise, Idaho, January 30 to February 1.

Increases in plant and animal pests, loss of water through excessive runoff, lowered nutritional quality of feed, and reduced production of forage were charged to damaged range conditions by researchers who reported their findings to the assembly.

More than 400 range management workers in state and government agencies, educators, and practical ranchmen from the United States and Canada registered for the convention.

Halogen, a poisonous plant recently gaining a foothold in the west, cannot invade a good stand of perennial grasses. E. W. Tisdale and George Zappettini, of the University of Idaho, told the group. During intensive studies they found the plant established itself only on barren ground or in weakened stands of range plants. Although not yet reported from Texas, the weed is considered a possible threat to the livestock industry throughout the southwest.

Likewise, Edson Ritcher, of Idaho State College, concluded that excessive numbers of rabbits and prairie dogs are symptoms of deteriorated range conditions, rather than causes of poor vegetation. Ritcher summarized information from range and biology experts throughout the west.

Most deep range soils in their natural condition, and with adequate plant cover, are capable of absorbing and storing "at the grassroots" most ordinary rains. Ben Osborn, of the Soil Conservation Service, San Angelo, Texas, said in reporting on cover evaluations carried out on Texas and Oklahoma ranges. High rates of runoff are usually the result of poor cover and changes in the soil associated with damaged range conditions.

Good condition winter range in the intermountain region has a mixture of forage plants which provide satisfactory nutritional levels for livestock. C. Wayne Cook of Utah State College told the meeting. Forage from depleted ranges is usually deficient in proteins and other necessary elements.

Wesley Cruikshank, a rancher from near Montour, Idaho, quoted from sales tickets to show how the average weights of his lambs and calves had increased during a period of 20 years when he carried out a program of range improvement on his land. By a combination of reduced stocking rates, good grazing practices, and reseeding, he increased the grass on his ranch. During this time, average weights of his lambs at sale time increased from about 65 pounds to 100 pounds, and of his yearling calves from 350 pounds to nearly 1,000 pounds per head.

Attending the meeting from Texas were B. W. Allred, chief of the reg-

ional range division of the Soil Conservation Service, and Osborn. Allred was elected vice-president of the society for 1952. Other new officers are L. A. Stoddart, head of the range management department at Utah State College, president; and W. T. White, Soil Conservation Service, Portland, Oregon, executive secretary.

The next annual meeting of the society will be held at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The date has not yet been decided.

### BENNY HOOPER TOPS BIG BEND SHOW

BENNY HOOPER of Marathon took wholesale honors in the sheep division of the eighth annual Big Bend Livestock Show held in Alpine, February 9. In the show were 82 club boys and girls from Jeff Davis, and Brewster Counties, showing 250 fat lambs.

Hooper had the grand champion lamb and the first five places in the lamb competition. He also won the showmanship award.

Bill Fruge, Alpine FFA, had the reserve champion lamb.

Light weight fat fine wool lamb: 1st, Preston Adams, Marathon FFA; 2nd, Walter Nunley, Marathon FFA; and 3rd, Don Davis, Alpine FFA.

Medium weight fine wool lambs: 1st, Bill Fruge, Alpine FFA; 2nd, Clay Evans, Fort Davis 4-H; and 3rd, Marvin McDonald, Marathon FFA.

Heavy weight fine wool lambs: 1st, Benny Hooper, Marathon FFA; 2nd, Jimmie Meeks, Marathon FFA; 3rd, Trudie Action, Fort Davis 4-H.

Champion fat fine wool lamb: Bill Fruge, Alpine FFA.

Pen-of-three fine wool lambs: 1st, Benny Hooper, Marathon FFA; 2nd, Clay Evans, Fort Davis 4-H; 3rd, Hal Sanson, Marathon FFA.

Lightweight crossbred lamb: 1st, Jim Turner, Alpine FFA; 2nd, Spud Burling, Alpine FFA; 3rd, Carlton Lemons, Marathon FFA.

Medium weight crossbred lambs: 1st, Bill Fruge, Alpine FFA; 2nd, Shirley Smith, Marathon FFA; 3rd, Bill Grub, Fort Davis 4-H.

Heavy weight crossbred lambs: 1st, Benny Hooper, Marathon FFA; 2nd, Carol Jo Smith, Marathon FFA; 3rd, Benny Hooper.

Corriedale light weight lambs: 1st, John Wedin, Marathon FFA; 2nd, Carlton Lemons, Marathon FFA; 3rd, Joe Dawson, Marathon FFA.

Corriedale heavy weight lambs: 1st and 2nd, Lorena Uranga, Alpine 4-H; 3rd, Geraldine Witt, Marathon FFA.

Champion crossbred lamb: Benny Hooper.

Pen-of-three crossbred lambs: 1st, Benny Hooper; 2nd, Clay Evans, Fort Davis 4-H; 3rd, Carol Jo Smith, Marathon FFA.

Lamb showmanship: 1st, Benny Hooper; 2nd, Carlton Lemons; 3rd, Bill Fruge.

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# "Carry A Big Stick"

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Speaking in terms of finance, the big stick policy holds true in most businesses today. Livestock operations are no exception. In the face of taxes, controls, drouths and inflation, the ranchman must wield a big financial stick if he is to meet the extra demands made upon him in these unusual times. He is fortunate, however, in having "a big stick" in his own back yard - his local bank.

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# Foxtail Johnson Objects

REMEMBER THE old days when the taxpayer's money got poured down rat holes? That was before the politicians heard of badger holes.

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Several of us Johnsons have got despit enough to try cotton pickin'. Three-four of us starved to death at it, but none of us ever died of thirst.

The grandmas say it's rushin' the season and tempin' Providence, but half the younguns on Squawberry Flat has been unsewed out of their winter underwear for two weeks.

For years Nub Plinker has spiked his whisky with squawberry cordial. But still it come as quite a shock to him when he found his ten-year-old boy was hoppin' up merrywanna with opium.

Fodge Rucker hates the reds so bad he told his wife to take a day off from her lye soap boilin' and dye his undershirts and suspenders some nice, patriotic color like purple.

Heaven is the last place any Texan wants to go this spring. The weather couldn't be any finer up there, nor the cotton prospects any brighter.

Maybe I'll try honesty some time, but not before I've seen it work just once for somebody else.

It says here in the paper that a crocodile will eat enough at one meal to last him 90 days. We've seen many a boy eat that much, but it lasted him only 15 minutes.

Doctor up in Austin finds 43 causes for a pain in the neck. Hump! There's more'n that right in the legislacher.

When I got a letter from a finance company that my credit was still good, I took it with me and dropped around for a loan. Two clerks got fired for carelessness.

My old dad went broke in cotton once. But shucks! Anybody could do it when cotton was 5 cents a pound. It takes a genius now.

As it's told to me, the way to live a long time is to get free of worry and struggle. That explains why the oldest folks around here is them that

spent the most years in the penitentiary.

Bankers said the American people have more money saved up than ever before. They said that before March 15.

## SWEATERS BLOW UP

MANY OF the so-called "part" wool sweaters are not any part wool but are made of a dangerous synthetic fiber to imitate wool. These sweaters are found to be so inflammable that when exposed to open flame burn so rapidly they almost "blow up".

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Adjustments in Order?

## Grading Practice Hard on Feeders

By Ted Gouldy

WEAKNESS IN the old crop lamb and yearling trade was a significant factor during the past month on the livestock market at Fort Worth and the marketing circle generally.

The especially critical point in the market for old crop lambs that are breaking over into yearling mouths

and yearling conformation raises a number of questions that sheepmen generally should study carefully in making plans for next year.

The lesson has been expensive this year due to the meat grading program, which was widely expanded under the OPS controls. The difference of opin-

## FORT WORTH --- YC

ion on a given carcass, or a given lot of lambs (or yearlings) can mean as much as \$5 to \$6 per hundred weight alive.

Thousands of old crop lambs, that in years previous have been able to sell as lambs, but which are now plumped into the mutton grade because of the "tight" grading practice are losing money for the people that fed them out.

This can make a tremendous difference in the attitude of the stocker and feeder buyers this year, since there is apparently little chance that OPS and the grading program will be dropped on livestock and meat.

The government officials now in the saddle have apparently concluded that meat, and therefore livestock, is one thing they want to maintain controls on because of the voting power of the consumer public in general and the organized labor voters in particular.

Arrival of the first new crop lambs at Fort Worth during the third week in February has pointed up the situation with regard to the milk lamb market and the yearling market. Under OPS a yearling is mutton if his teeth or conformation show development beyond their rigid specifications for lamb.

In other years the spread in price between fat yearlings, and two's and shorn lambs such as those being marketed now amounted to only something like \$2 to \$3 per hundredweight, less in most instances.

At this time it amounts to something like \$5 to \$6 per hundred.

Feeders during this season are feeling, and will feel, the severity of this difference. If the situation remains as it is — then in the incoming season the producer of lambs is likely to feel the weight of pressure for adjustment on prices on a lower scale for stocker and feeder types of lambs destined to be carried over into yearlings.

The unfortunate feature of the whole matter is that lambs do have to break over into yearling teeth under such a discriminatory setup. Anyone can appreciate the fact that a yearling lamb just breaking into yearling teeth, will eat just as good as a lamb that is a month or two younger.

The big difference seems to be the fine line drawn in the grading process, and this big difference — when it means \$2 to \$3 per hundred less than the value of the same animals last year is doing the feeder and the rancher no good and at a time when things are tough enough anyway.

We are told that the government allows the packers to have these yearlings graded either by mouth on the killing floor, or on the basis of conformation in the cooler.

Here at Fort Worth one major packer chose one method, and the other major packer chose the other. The relative merits of the two methods of grading are not readily apparent, or both would soon be using the same method.

It is another of those things about this grading program that to most observers do not make a great deal of sense. It might be well for the sheep industry to look thoroughly into this business of grading, OPS ceilings, etc., and see whether some adjustments are not in order.

Buyers and salesmen, alike, at Fort Worth feel that in so far as relative values are concerned that yearlings and two's in 1952 should sell in the same relative position as they have historically in relation to lamb and spring lamb values.

This arbitrary slash in the values of these animals can not be justified in the face of the past 30 or 40 years of marketing them at this time of year.

Is this program capricious? Vicious? Or, ignorant? We should find out!

As we proceed into the spring market cycle here in Texas these old crop lambs which will be sold in March, April, May and June will also be discriminated against unless some change is made.

For many, many years at Fort Worth yearlings were not sorted and sold at a discount until late April. Heretofore these old crop lambs and yearlings sold together. Is this new deal on yearlings necessary?

### FORT WORTH BUYER DIES

WILLIAM J. (Bill) Johnson passed away at Fort Worth January 26, 1952. Mr. Johnson was widely known throughout the territory in the United States where sheep and lambs are raised and bought and sold. For a number of years at Fort Worth the firm of Farrell and Johnson has been the largest independent buyers of sheep and lambs in this region.

Bill Johnson was a native of Sioux City and had bought and sold sheep and lambs at practically every major market in the United States and was especially well known at St. Joseph, Kansas City, Chicago, Omaha, Sioux City and Denver. His virtually nationwide contacts were an asset that meant many millions of dollars to Texas and New Mexico sheepmen during the periods of heavy runs.

Often day after day during the big runs Bill Johnson put 25 to 50 doubles of sheep on the rails with not a single load sold. Far into the night he phoned all over the country placing and diverting these cars of sheep and the next morning, hours before daylight, he was back on the yards to buy again in the same, gigantic way.

He was 55 at the time of his death, which came after an illness of more than a year. His immediate survivors are his wife and one daughter, Teresa Ann.

B. A. Harris of Garden City has sold 600-mixed mouth ewes to Johnnie Martin of San Angelo. Bred for March lambing, the ewes were sold at \$15 a head. The sheep were shipped to Missouri. Otho Drake arranged the sale.

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Results are as follow:

## Rambouillet

Four to six-tooth rams, 1st and 2nd, Miles Pierce of Alpine; 3rd, Leo Richardson of Iraan; 4th, Eddie Smith of Van Horn.

Two-tooth rams, 1st and 2nd, Miles Pierce; 3rd, Leonard Richardson of Iraan; 4th, Leo Richardson; 5th, and 6th, R. O. and D. R. Sheffield of San Angelo.

Ram lambs, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson; 3rd, Pierce; 4th, Leo Richardson; 5th, Smith.

Four to six-tooth ewes, 1st and 2nd, Pierce; 3rd and 4th, Leo Richardson.

Two-tooth ewes, 1st, Leo Richardson; 2nd, Pierce; 3rd and 4th, Sheffield.

Ewe lambs, 1st and 2nd, Pierce; 3rd and 4th, Leo Richardson; 5th, Sheffield.

Exhibitors flocks, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson.

Pen of lambs, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson.

Get of sire, 1st, Walston; 2nd, Bragg; 3rd, Herring; 4th, Glimp.

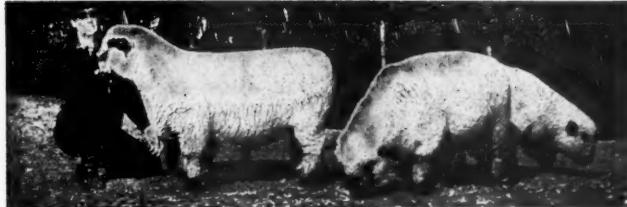
## Delaines

Four to six-tooth rams, 1st, R. R. Walston of Menard; 2nd, Dale Herring of Talpa; 3rd, Owen Bragg of Talpa; 4th, Joe Allcorn of Talpa; 5th, Horace Hinkle of Decatur.

Two-tooth rams, 1st, Allcorn; 2nd, Bragg; 3rd, Herring; 4th, Walston; 5th, G. A. Glimp of Burnet; 6th Herring; 7th, Glimp.

Ram lambs, 1st and 2nd, Walston;

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# Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By Sheep and Goat Raiser Chicago Bureau

THE PROPHET is often discredited not only in his own bailiwick, but a thousand miles away. Hogs are not going to score their usual spring or late winter advance and \$32 fed lambs are a long way off — if ever. From a corn-hog ratio standpoint, hogs in late February were not worth much more than their salt. Lambs had not only fallen to a point where the feed bill was gone, but out-of-the-bank money had to be reckoned. Only fat cattle held up well, but as security market reporters say, "showed temporary tiredness without any evidence of a general collapse."

Maybe the decline in Texas yearling fed in the Cornbelt last summer and this fall was more meaningful than many thought. For over the last month or so fat lambs have taken right in after that record yearling break, previously regarded as an entity. Top lambs declined as low as \$28.00 at Chicago and \$27.00 at Denver. River markets had to sell mighty good fat lambs at and below \$27.00. On an anemic comeback lambs had to sell at \$25.50 to \$26.50, and the highly regarded Holly Sugars, averaging 112 pounds made \$27.00 only by the skin of their teeth, not their pelts which a year earlier had been worth close to \$15.00 but this year furnished a "buyer credit" of only \$4.50. This, plus a semi-demoralized trade in heavy dressed lamb along the Atlantic Seaboard explained, if it really did ex-

plain, why the prices on foot were approximately \$11.00 per cwt. under year earlier. Last year weight didn't count, but the pelt did. This year, however, buyers and sellers argue an hour whether lambs may weigh 106 or 110 pounds. And where weights are still bigger, it is \$25.50 to \$26.50, or less. When reporters find highly finished fed lambs scaling over 112 pounds above \$27.00 they forget the whole thing. Somebody erred, that's all. Big weight fed lambs have sold at \$25.00, some natives at \$24.50. There isn't much use of talking about moderately heavy lambs above \$26.50, for awhile at least.

This seems low and maybe that's the reason more finishers are buying 90 to 195 pound shearing lambs at \$26.50 and \$26.75. But where do such prices on bigweight lambs put post-season fed Texas yearlings. Well, if the country really wants to know they sold some of the best yearlings seen at the Chicago market in months during mid-February at \$21.00. They averaged 121 pounds. Another load was also outstanding as yearling go, but averaged only 108 pounds. They brought \$22.00. Before the final collapse came, choice handy yearlings had been bringing \$23.00 to \$23.50, with the twos in. But when so many heavy lambs all over the country were being discounted \$2.00 to \$4.00, buyers thought they had better bear down a little harder on yearlings. In this

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connection yearlings bid \$25.50 when thrown out of \$28.00 offerings late last summer, but taken home, came back in February to sell at \$19.00.

No wonder then the Cornbelt is watching the Texas trade on old crop lambs. The North will buy, but not anywhere in line with last year when up to \$32.00 was paid to the embarrassment not only of market judgment but finishers' pocketbooks. As 1951 ended everyone gave up on yearlings, little knowing, however, that lambs were taking up the scent to sell back to 1950 levels. Big packers would not have put so many lambs on feed had they surmised that top lambs at Denver, Omaha or Chicago were destined to fall below \$30.00. The Cornbelt would not have bought Texas yearlings so high had it even dreamed that the usual price relationship between lambs and yearlings was going to be too much disturbed. Now, more and more finishers are buying heavy shearing lambs figuring that with Imperial Valley old coppers soon out of the way, with Colorado forced to sell because of weight, much the same dilemma meanwhile facing the cornbelt, killers may be searching for cutting lambs when about all they can find are a few fed lightweights, and milk lambs, from the west coast.

It may work out. Nobody knows yet what the on-coming crop of spring lambs in California and Arizona is worth. All anyone in the industry does know is that the February old crop trade passed through the biggest glut of heavy dressed lamb in recent trade history, and that all winter long the retail trade in big cities has been a joke so far as dressed lamb is concerned, first selling as much dressed yearlings for lamb as possible and then advertising "spring" lamb crop as high as \$1.09 to \$1.29 per pound, when the choicest lambs scaling 105 pounds down were selling alive at Chicago and intermountain markets at \$27.00 to \$28.00. Not just a few but many of these lambs had been laid in the Cornbelt as high as \$35.00, mostly \$33.00 to \$34.00.

Hence winter lamb finishers are taking it on the chin as hog growers have been for months. It looks now like hogs may keep running in response to the feed situation. At the very least hogs should be topping at \$20.00. In fact, the average should be \$20.00 or better whereas the average is closer to \$17.50. This continues a feeding loss which, on top of money-out-of-pocket prices for lambs plus a very patent feeding loss on yearling wethers late last year and so far this year, throws a lot of emphasis on fat cattle, now that record numbers on farms as well as on feed have been officially estimated.

Just the same fat steers and heifers are not doing badly. The gloom hanging over fed steers and heifers seems real, but to date has been very thin. Numbers enough to break the market continuously haven't as yet shown up. Top at Chicago hangs persistently at \$39.00, which helps the trade on shortfeds selling at \$30.00 to \$34.00 for the least, and \$35.00 to \$36.50 for the best — shortfeds, nevertheless. Surprised with lamb which meat retailers discredit while forcing other meats, and with pork, the storage

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## MOLASSES MIRACLE

By Ralph De Sola  
Del Rio, Texas

EVER COUNT sheep? A hundred or or a couple of hundred while trying to fall asleep? Well — just multiply that first hundred by ten thousand and you know you have a million. Try to imagine several million sheep, goats, and beef cattle trying to find their fodder on the sunburned, overstocked, and drought-parched ranches of West and Southwest Texas. Are these ruminants undernourished? "They sure are." Are the ranchers crying into their coffee? "They sure are, brother, they sure are."

"And it looks like it ain't gonna rain no mo'," one old-timer muttered. "Ah seen lotsa bad times, lotsa dry and drouthy weather, but never nuthin' to e'en compare to this dry spell goin' into its fourth year too," he added. "As if a rancher didn't have enuf to worry 'bout with all the problems of Mexican wetback labor, border patrol raids nearly every day; federal, state, and county tax collectors; and even a Pentagon-approved synthetic wool program — RFC financed and tax-exempted for three years. An on top of all — sheep, an' goats, an' big range cattle shrivelling a little more every day for lack of proper forage."

Ah, but all is not darkness. The other side of the coin inspires a second look as at least one ray of southwestern sunshine illuminates the image of a middle-aged A & M "practical vet" named E. A. Stricklen who is busy remembering what was found between the covers of a textbook written many years ago. "Doc" Stricklen believes that all knowledge is "invaluable" and hence "useless" unless it is applied. He takes credit for only one thing: remembering that Professor Morrison wrote in his celebrated textbook on *Feeds and Feeding* that cane syrup molasses was an enricher and an extender of other feeds.

As the reader may suspect, "Doc" Stricklen is a modest and a practical man. To see him on his homemade molasses dispensing platform just east of Del Rio, between U. S. Highway 90 and the mainline tracks of the

Southern Pacific, is to take the true measure of this man of science. In a simple yard, atop a platform made of second-hand lumber, and flanked with molasses drums, a huge storage tank, pump equipment, a scale, and loading ramps — "Doc" is busy keeping his accounts and perfecting simpler methods of feeding the drought-stricken sheep, goats, and beef cattle of the Del Rio area. At the moment he is negotiating to establish sub-stations in the remote country beyond the Pecos.

An easy-to-build feeding trough stands at one side of his molasses yard. It is complete with molasses drum holder and a floating platform which makes molasses feeding easy, inexpensive, and immediately available to any ranchers and his livestock. This too is a Stricklen innovation unprotected by patents and at the service of all his customers. This feed trough takes advantage of every drop of molasses, makes the loading and unloading of the molasses drums "a cinch," and can be built at a cost of less than twenty-five dollars.

What about results? Local ranchers for miles around Del Rio tell each other how well "the molasses deal," as they like to call it, is working on their ranches. What about publicity and sales organization? With such enthusiastic customers selling each other by word of mouth, E. A. Stricklen has nothing to do with public relations counsellors or merchandising methods men or any of the other high-priced and high-pressure sales artists of our mid-century.

"Yes," he will admit, "the start was as slow and as sticky as sticky molasses itself but now that the sheep- and the goat- and the cattle-men know what they are getting, everything is just about one-hundred percent okay."

Molasses, it seems, being high in sugar and hence energy content, makes it possible for the hungry beast of any ovine, hircine, or bovine species to thrive on available feeds that normally would be rejected. For example, purple sage or cenizo, liveoak, huisache,

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## Livestock

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holdings of which are huge, consumers go for beef. Accordingly, 1,450 lb. steers are selling to \$37.00 and 1,500 to 1,600 averages are bringing the very attractive figures of \$34.50 to \$35.25. Demand for light and long yearlings lead, this having lately helped all heifers as the yearling steer crop pinches out until later this summer. And now comes belief that many eastern states are getting short of heavies; that intermountain fed steers will for some time fare best at west

coast markets and that so few plan steers under \$28.00 will make a stubborn market on fat cows at \$25.00 down. On paper, weight of numbers on feed is against the fat steer market, the outlook in hogs and lambs being what they discouragingly are. Yet many don't think so as they pay strong prices for \$29.00 to \$35.00 replacement steers and yearlings, and predict that top cattle stand a good chance to sell even higher. And so long as choice steers sell high, medium to good shortfeds are seldom so far behind. Therefore, 90 per cent of the steer crop may be keep on paying a board bill just as a 10 to 15 per cent increase in receipts may slow everything down.

and mesquite leaves with further supplementation of such hay forages as may be on the market are eaten with relish and are readily digested once molasses is available for free feeding.

Molasses, moreover, acts as a mild laxative thus helping the ruminant range stock to easily overcome any ill effects caused by any low-grade

feeds that may be offered in times of extreme drought such as are described.

In many sections of the Southwest rains scheduled for fall and winter have failed to materialize and it is likely that molasses is here to stay as part of the livestock's dietary requirement. To practical scientists like "Doc" Stricklen we owe the discovery of the

application of cane syrup molasses to stock feeding. Hence we feel justified in talking and writing about the "molasses miracle" being wrought on the drought-ridden ranges of our great southwestern livestock empire — especially as applied to Southwest and West Texas.



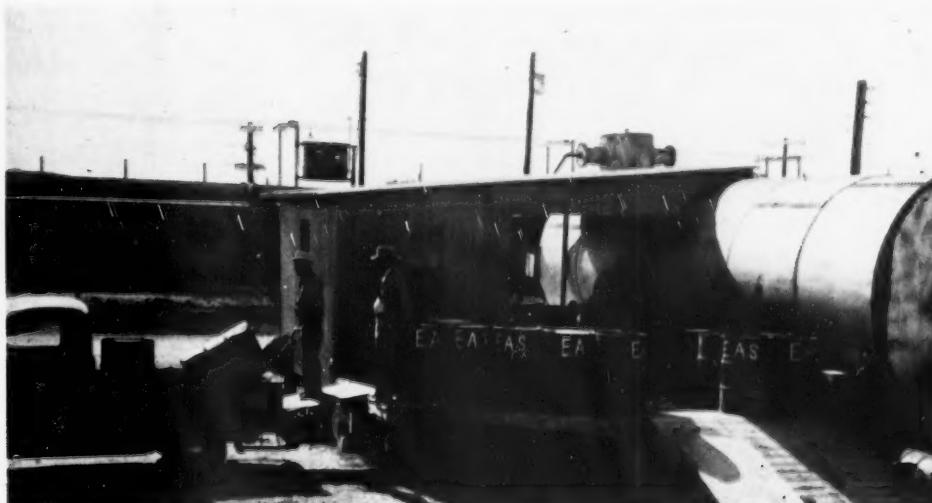
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## Goat News

From The  
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GOAT SHEARING has started in Edwards County for 1952. Everyone is hoping a blue norther doesn't blow in and freeze them.

The J. D. Varga warehouse is offering \$1 and \$1.25 a pound for mohair. (Early February.)

New members who have joined our association since the new fiscal year began, November 1, 1951 are as follows: Hon. O. C. Fisher, Congressman from the 51st District, San Angelo, Texas; J. L. Balentine (Given an honorary lifetime membership by the directors at the 52nd annual meeting held November 13, 1951, at Rocksprings, Texas); Ronald Thallman, Pipe Creek, Texas (a 4-H Club boy); Herbie Oehler, Harper, Texas; Gus Witting, Jr., Junction, Texas (He is a grandson of the late James Prentice and has a number of his goats); Barney O'Dell, Dripping Springs, Texas.

The American Angora Goat Breeders are offering \$1 for each placing at the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth and also at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition to be held in February. We are hoping lots of breeders take their registered Angora goats to these shows. This premium is paid direct from the office and is in addition to the premium paid by the shows.

This letter from England was received recently and was enjoyed by those who read it. All information he asked for has been mailed and he was assured that people who had goats over here were not considered peculiar and were nice to know; that some of our biggest ranchmen had goats and were proud of it.

The Secretary of the Royal Agricultural Society of England has given me your name as being able to give me certain information regarding goats.

"I have to give a running commentary at least one of our County Agricultural Shows this summer, when the goats are on parade in the ring and want, in the short space of time available, to put over the loud speaker installation some facts about them.

"The background is that here in this country, goats are a 'Cinderella' industry and to the public in general and largely to the better educated section of the public, they are nasty animals that stink and if they produce more than a pint or so of milk, that milk is not fit to drink and those who go in for them are, to put mildly, decidedly peculiar and not quite nice to know.

"Here, though, in the County of Warwick we have made some progress and some of the medical profession are beginning to see that goat milk has properties which the cow has not got and that the milk has advantages in treating certain ailments

and we have had considerable success in the treatment of infantile eczema.

"Any information that you, in the middle of one of the world's greatest cattle breeding areas, can give me to debunk some of the general impressions that prevail here, would be most helpful.

"In particular can you tell me: (a) What proportion of milk produced comes from goats. (b) Have the better classes of the population come to look upon goats milk as being what they prefer. (c) Has the medical profession taken an interest in it. (d) What means do you adopt to market milk and other goat produce? And lastly, and this is a technical question, (e) What precautions do your goat breeders, or rather what do the various goat societies that may exist adopt as regards preventing animals of a wrong or slightly wrong color entering their respective herd books. This is a question that is raging here now.

"Here, if you can show that you have a sufficient number of predecessors in the herd book, then a kid from one of them will qualify for its entry into the herd book.

"This leads to the fact that you could have an animal with three legs and one eye, which provided it had the necessary parentage, would automatically go into the herd book and if she produced a normal animal which turned out to be a super milker then that animal could win all sorts of awards and no questions would be asked; but obviously the deformity could not be shown.

"Another question: Do you make Yoghurt and is it made with goat's or cow's milk?

"I have a nice small herd of British Alpine type which I am grading up, ten in all, and last year we had great success with two nice goatlings, which in the course of a few shows got four first, several seconds and minor awards and so far have never come home, between them, empty handed; one got a 4th at the 'Royal' show in her class and that is an award of which my wife and myself are extremely proud."

HUBERT C. WOLLASTON  
Thurlaston Grange  
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England

Claude Haby and Carlton Godbold from Leakey, Texas were in the office January 26, getting their goats registered for the 4-H Club Show to be held there early in February. These will be shown by their children.

A very nice letter was received from Mrs. O. J. Camp at Junction, Texas, thanking the directors and officers and the resolutions committee for the resolution passed and sent to her after the death of her husband, the late O. J. Camp, who was director of this association at the time of his

death. Mrs. Camp writes that she and her son, Rayford, are carrying on the registered goat business and are feeding the goats as it is so dry. She said Mr. Camp loved to work with the goats and she is trying to carry on as he would want her to do.

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Professor T. Bonadonna of Institute Sperimentale Italiano, Milano, Italy, has written the office for information on registered Angora goats. He plans to visit the United States and select goats and see to transportation of them back to Italy.

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Burl Winchester, Advisor to the Turkish Minister of Agriculture, has written the office for information on the registry system this association uses. As much of this information as possible has been sent. However, it would be almost impossible to give the necessary information on setting up a registry system by mail.

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J. Humbert, Commercial Attaché, in Washington from France, writes that several breeders from Morocco desire to import breeding stock from this country. A list of breeders was mailed to him and he was instructed to contact them for prices as we cannot quote prices from this office on stock.

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Jules Archer, a feature writer of "Stag and Male" magazine has written for information on Angora goats.

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Inquiries were received from the following states during January: Washington, Nevada, New York, Arizona, Missouri, Louisiana, Illinois, Arkansas, Georgia, Iowa, California, Wyoming, Tennessee, Oregon, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Texas. These men were wanting to know all about goats, their habits, prices, how much they cost and what kind of fences they needed to keep them at home.

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There have been 1,725 goat registered and 315 transfers made during November, December and January.

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Arthur Henderson of San Angelo has sold 1,100 muttons to Bob Hurt of San Angelo. The sheep weighed 74 pounds.

## AUCTION COMPANIES TO PROMOTE MEAT

BEGINNING March 1, stockmen who consign their livestock to the auction rings will note a slight deduction on the amount received for their stock. The deductions are in support of a meat program being carried on by the National Livestock and Meat Board.

The amount taken out will be very small: one cent per head for cattle, one-third of a cent for calves and hogs, and one-fifth of a cent for sheep and lambs. These amounts will be matched by the packers who purchase fat livestock.

These contributions are voluntary, although they will be made automatically from all checks. Stockmen who do not wish to contribute to the program may request and receive refund.

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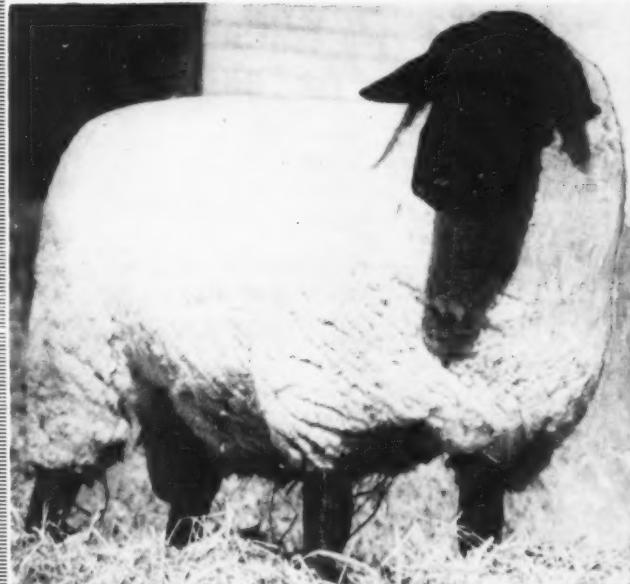
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## Texas Sheep and Lamb Prices Continue To Decline

SHEEP, LAMBS and kid goats sold lower in Texas during early February but mature goats were higher, the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Production and Marketing Administration reports.

The decline in sheep markets dropped slaughter lamb prices to the lowest level in 22 months at Fort Worth and in about two years at San Antonio, according to records kept by USDA.

Although February marketings of sheep and lambs in Texas showed little change from a month earlier, prices declined under pressure from sluggish and sharply lower wholesale dressed lamb trade. This was especially true of heavy lambs since supplies of carcass lamb weighing more than 55 pounds were burdensome.

Some 22 thousand head of sheep and lambs arrived at Fort Worth through February 19, compared with around 21 thousand a month earlier and only 12½ thousand during the same period a year ago. Around 50 per cent of the receipts were slaughter lambs, 30 per cent feeders and 15 per cent yearlings. Only a few ewes came in. Most of the lambs were shorn and showed signs of supplemental feeding.

Arrivals at San Antonio totaled around 39 hundred head, compared with 58 hundred a month earlier and only 16 hundred a year ago. All classes were fairly well represented at most sessions, but wooled lambs were scarce.

The feed situation in Texas remained generally unchanged this month. Supplies of most commercial feeds were still tight and prices remained high. However, mild weather throughout most of the state permitted stretching of feed supplies on many farms and ranches. But, general rains are still needed to bring on new green feed.

Conditions for sheep and lamb production in Texas are only fair. According to USDA's Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Texas stock sheep numbers dropped about 10 per cent during the past year. However, the large number of ewes in stock sheep numbers are sufficient to provide replacements and maintain the upward trend in sheep inventories.

Ewes are coming through the winter in generally poor to fair condition with widespread supplemental feed-

ing. Early lambs are making a fair start since most ewes are being fed. But, with short range feed during the fall, many ewes were bred for late spring lambing. Some spring lambs have already shown up at Fort Worth this month but volume receipts are not expected for two or three months yet.

Pricewise, shorn slaughter lambs dropped 50 cents per 100 pounds at San Antonio and 50 cents to \$1.50 at Fort Worth for the month. Heavy lambs usually drew sharp discounts due to the sluggish demand from the dressed trade.

By February 19, good and choice shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts brought \$25.50 to \$26 per 100 pounds at both Fort Worth and San Antonio. A few utility grades were \$2 lower at \$22 in San Antonio.

Yearlings offered an exception to the downturn in sheep and lamb prices at Fort Worth. Prices stood around \$1.50 to \$2 higher than January's close as good and choice offerings with No. 2 pelts brought \$21 to \$21.50. The market on yearlings dropped \$1 at San Antonio where good and choice No. 3 pelt lots made \$20.50.

Ewes were scarce and generally unchanged, except for some \$1 lower sales at Fort Worth. Cull to utility shorn slaughter ewes turned at \$10 to \$12 in Fort Worth and at \$9 to \$13 in San Antonio.

By mid-February, feeder lambs looked around \$2.50 per 100 pounds lower at Fort Worth and \$1 to \$2 lower at San Antonio. Outlet for feeder lambs was only fair. Range lambs have gone to feedlots at heavier weights than usual this year and feeders have shown a tendency to hold lambs in anticipation of a price rise on the slaughter market. Also, feedlot operators are less inclined than last fall to compete with slaughter buyers for 90 to 100 pound lambs.

San Antonio moved medium and good around 55 pound feeder lambs at \$20.50 by February 19, while common to good feeders brought anywhere from \$17 to \$25.50 at Fort Worth.

The goat market at San Antonio in mid-February was \$1 to \$2 per 100 pounds higher on mature goats but 50 cents to \$2 a head lower on kids.

Marketing of goats were meager at most sessions in the Alamo City. Only about 21 hundred head arrived during the first 19 days of February, compared with 27 hundred for the same period a month earlier and 23 hundred a year earlier.

Much of the strength in mature goats was due to the small supply. Also, contracting of spring mohair has started and many ranchers are hold-

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ing back until their flocks have been clipped.

By mid-February, medium Spanish type goats sold at \$14 to \$14.50 per 100 pounds. Common and medium shorn Angoras brought \$12.50 and culs \$9.50 to \$10. Most of the kid goats moved out at \$5 to \$7 per head.

Hog prices have been very erratic in Texas during early February. By the middle of the month, butcher hogs looked steady to 25 cents lower at Fort Worth but managed to gain 25 cents at San Antonio since the last of January. Sows and pigs were generally steady, spots 25 and 50 cents higher.

Cattle prices were generally steady to \$1 up throughout the list, with some sales around \$2 higher. Cows and some stocker and feeder cattle failed to share the strength at Fort Worth and averaged 50 cents to \$1 lower. Bulls took a \$2 loss at San Antonio.

### PROPOSED CHANGES IN SALE OF WOOL STANDARD SETS

INCREASED CHARGES for sets of wool and wool top standards and discontinuation of the sale of partial sets of wool standards have been proposed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Interested persons are asked to submit their comments on these proposals.

The proposed new charges would be \$20 each, f. o. b., for a set of wool standards or wool top standards. An extra charge of \$4 per set would be made for shipments outside the continental United States.

The increased charge for sets of wool and wool top standards is necessary to bring the price more in line with actual cost to USDA.

A complete set of standards for U. S. grades of wool consists of 12 mounted specimens of wool from Grade 80's (Fine) to Grade 36's (Braid). Official standards for wool tops contain a set of 13 mounted specimens of wool top from Grade 80's to Grade 36's.

Charges for demonstrator type of specimens of individual wool top grades would be increased to \$2. Nine pound balls of wool top grades would be raised to \$40. each.

Discontinuance of partial sets of wool standards was proposed due to the few requests made for these sets.

Comments on the proposal should be sent to Director, Livestock Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, USDA, Washington 25, D.C.



### Farmers Turning to Sheep

THERE IS a big swing towards feeding and raising sheep among the smaller farmers in the Plains area, recently declared Max Plott of Vancouver who has been shipping sheep to smaller farmers of that area for the past two years.

"There are at least 20 or 30 of these farmers around Dimmitt and probably the largest number of sheep owned by any one farmer is 200 head. The big white-backed smooth type Rambouillet ewe even with age on her is the kind these farmers like. Right now they are lambing out and the crop apparently will be a good one."

The big difficulties of raising these sheep in that area are dogs and coyotes. Practically without exception the farmers pen their sheep each night. "There also has been some difficulty of the ewes dying from a combination of pregnancy disease and tape worm. A change of feed aggravates a bile deficiency and some of the ewes have died from tape worms which contributes to this difficulty."

Plott pointed out that in this area there are many sheep and cattle being grazed on wheat fields. At the present time it is reported that the grazing is good for sheep but not for cattle. Nevertheless, very few sheep are on the fields as most are being fed by the farmers on their hegari surplus. Bundle feed out of the Dimmitt area has been selling at around \$30 a ton. By the time this feed reaches West Texas, charges, including transportation, have brought it to about \$45. Last year the farmers started off good and especially on alfalfa, made a killing, Mr. Plott reports.

Many of the farmers got four cuts of alfalfa which went at \$20 to \$25 a

ton. This year a good crop started off at \$18 a ton and wound up at around \$45 a ton. With a ready sale for this the farmers made good money. With a rain in West Texas the farmers in the plains area realize that there will not exist the tremendous drought-made demand for their alfalfa and hegari feed and that about the only thing left for them to do in order to dispose of their great feed supply is to buy livestock, and feed on their own places. This trend, according to these farmers and Mr. Plott, is just in its infancy and the feeding of livestock on the Plains will grow into tremendous proportions within a few years.

The farmers have found out they can make more money feeding sheep than they can cattle and more of them are turning to sheep.

With return of normal weather to West Texas the Plains area will undoubtedly become one of the biggest outlets for feeder lambs and old ewes for the West Texas ranchman and may develop into one of the biggest fattening areas in the entire country.

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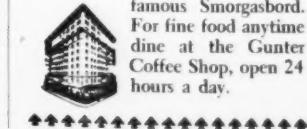


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ium wool or crossbred lambs and also the best 15 lambs of the show.

Menard County 4-H boys showed the second place medium wool lambs.

Placings, first five in the show:

Fat lamb (fine wool): 1st, David Ledbetter, Bradshaw; 2nd, Leslie McMullan, Big Lake; 3rd, Ted Carson, Big Lake; 4th, Riley Featherston, Big Lake; 5th, David Ledbetter, Bradshaw.

Fat Lamb (Southdown grade or crossbred) 1st, Joe Percy Hart, Hart; 2nd, Roy Dee Gregg, Plainview; 3rd, John Bridges, Hart; 4th, Roy Dee Gregg, Plainview; 5th, Mike Dorn, Colorado City.

Fat Lambs (other grades and crosses): 1st, Donnie Oakes, Santa Anna; 2nd, John Bridges, Hart; 3rd, Erby Chandler, Ozona; 4th, Scotty Menard; 5th, Louis Heinze, Miles.

Champion lamb, Joe Percy Hart, Hart; Reserve champion lamb, Roy Gregg, Plainview.

### HENSON HAS TOP LAMB AT TOM GREEN SHOW

HAROLD HENSON, son of Tuck Henson, of San Angelo had the grand champion lamb of the Tom Green County Livestock Show February 26.

Reserve champion lamb was shown by James Urbantek of San Angelo.

First places in the various classes were as follows:

Heavy fine wool lamb: Hubert Edwards.

Light fine wool lamb: Wayne Baker.

Heavy crossbred lambs: Horold Henson.

Light crossbred lambs: Wayne Baker.

### MOUNTIES OUT TO GET CATTLE AS WELL AS MEN

CANADIAN Royal Mounted Police are on the lookout for cattle infected with the foot-and-mouth disease. The dread malady has broken out on 22 farms in Saskatchewan Province.

The United States, which got its first foot-and-mouth infection from Canada in 1870, immediately banned all stock and meat imports from across the border. This brought an end for the time being to a trade in meat and breeding animals which last year amounted to \$150,000,000.

The Mounted Police began destroying infected animals, and February 25 the total included 1,015 cattle, 193 hogs and 140 sheep.

So far the only outbreaks have been around the capital of Saskatchewan, Regina. However, cattle shipped from the Province in cars could turn up in Vancouver, Toronto or Chicago. The United States inspectors were already at work tracking down all live animals brought into this country from Canada in recent weeks.

The United States government is conferring with authorities in Ottawa to help fight the outbreak.

The disease was eradicated from the United States only after a hard and expensive fight. It has repeatedly ravaged European herds.

### Shirley Says — OPS REGULATIONS HARASS LAMB MARKET

CLINT SHIRLEY, well-known commission man at the Fort Worth Stockyards recently outlined the causes which are adding to the slow lamb market.

The absence of a wool, market labor trouble, the grading system of the OPS, and weakness in the dressed lamb market are all contributing factors, Shirley believes.

In regard to OPS grading, Shirley comments that the system is not uniform. One plant has to submit to an entirely different grading system from another plant and some parts of the United States are not even required to conform to grading regulations. As an example Shirley cites that OPS grades lambs differently in the Fort Worth Swift plant from its methods used at the Fort Worth Armour plant. The OPS is marking many lamb carcasses as yearlings and consequently the lamb prices have decreased.

Lamb pelts are worth only about a third as much now as they were a year ago. Many of the nation's big packers are troubled by strikes or the threat of walkouts.

The weak carcass market Shirley attributes to the OPS also. The Office limits the percentage of each plant's production that it can sell in special cuts. A certain percentage of each plant's kill must be sold in the complete carcass. Use of special cuts has always been one way to dispose of a glut on the market.

Many lambs are on feed. Packers this year bought nearly-fat lambs and put them in the feed lot as a form of live storage. Shirley compares this procedure with that of an oil company which sometimes caps a good well for future use.

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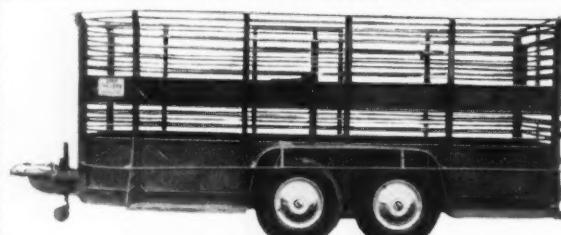
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By M. E. Ensminger, Head, Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Washington State College, Pullman, Washington. 404 pp., 176 illustrations. Price \$4.00, Interstate Publishers.

THE BRIGHTEST future on the entire livestock horizon — that's how many far-seeing stockmen feel about the sheep business, for the United States is producing only a fourth to a third of its wool needs and lamb and mutton account for only 3.5% of the nation's meat at the present time.

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Dr. Ensminger begins his most interesting and informative discussion by tracing the history and development of the sheep industry. Today there are more than 200 distinct breeds of sheep scattered throughout the world, but three-fourths of the world's commercial production is bas-

ed on the use of not more than six breeds.

The book contains 176 beautiful illustrations; many of these are superb original line drawings showing subjects such as a procedure for examining sheep and some of the things for which to look, a diagram showing how to determine the age of sheep by the teeth, combination sheep hay and grain racks, etc.

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History and Development of the Sheep Industry.

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### SHEEP MANAGEMENT AND DISEASES

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By H. G. Belschner, D. V. Sc., Deputy Chief, Division of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, New South Wales, and External Lecturer, Sheep Diseases, Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Sydney. 340 Illustrations, 3 color plates, 17 tables, 723 pages. January 2, 1952. Price \$10.00.

THIS IS an unusually comprehensive, factual and helpful reference and guide to all phases of sheep management and to the treatment and prevention of all important diseases affecting sheep.

Written by a leading Australian authority, it contains valuable information for sheep raisers, veterinarians and students in agricultural colleges and universities. It is just as apropos to sheep production and management in the United States or Canada as it is for Australia. Even the short section on natural grazing and browsing contains the scientific names of plants, so that Australian common names need not be confusing.

Throughout the book, emphasis is on the practical applications of the basic information. In easy-to-understand language, it gives everyone in the sheep industry just the information he wants.

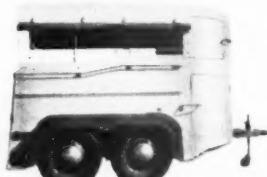
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Mr. and Mrs. Asa Tomlinson have leased a 55-section ranch 15 miles southwest of Van Horn. Tomlinson has been leasing the Jess Thurman ranch near Brackettville. He has moved his stock from the Thurman ranch to the new lease.

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H. G. Wendland of San Angelo has sold 300 head of four-and-five-year-old ewes to George Jones of San Angelo. The ewes are bred for March lambs. The sheep were sent to Arkansas.

Jones also bought 540 two-to-four-year-old ewes from Alex Sears of Abilene. These ewes were also bred for March and were sent to Indiana.

Harvey Martin of San Angelo sold a load of aged ewes to Jones. These were shipped to California.

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C. E. Hudson of Miles purchased from yearlings to three-year-olds at a string of Rambouillet ewes ranging \$25 a head. The sheep had been on pasture in an old field but were getting most of their feed in cube form.

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Jeff Davis of Sterling City purchased a load of muttons from Carson Miles of San Angelo the first week in February. The muttons averaged 78½ pounds and brought 27½ cents.

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Livestock in West Texas have stood the drought exceptionally well and many cattle and sheep are in good shape — made so by supplementary feeding. Had the winter been very cold much death loss might have taken place and it is a cinch that it would have cost much more money for feed.

## HEAVY RAINS COULD DAMAGE RANGE LAND

A HARD, driving rain over ranch lands of West Texas and over most of Texas for that matter would cause untold damage to the land from washing. Much of the soil is pulverized and in some places the dust is two or more inches deep. "A big downpour on the North Concho River would settle ten feet or more silt in the new North Concho dam bed," recently declared a ranchman. "What we need is several days of slow rain."

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"The livestock commission business on a public market is a full-time job," says Vaughn (Irwin) Vaughn of Omaha. "There is more to it than 'feeling' (grading) the lambs and trading on the open market. As soon as I am 'sold out' I get on the phone to find out about conditions elsewhere or go to the country to talk with shippers about market conditions. My afternoons, evenings and weekends are spent keeping a finger on the pulse of the lamb, sheep and wool markets.

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"Once you get onto trading there is no turning back," says Mr. Vaughn. "It is a fascinating and contagious business and I feel lost if I'm not out there every morning matching wits with the other fellows." Mr. Vaughn's record bears out his views on the livestock commission business. As a boy, nearly 40 years ago, he started as a sorter and buyer of breeding ewes. Since then he has worked on three large markets and has bought and sold all kinds of sheep and lambs. "Working on the market," says Mr. Vaughn, "runs in the family. My father, brother and now my son are all livestock salesmen and they are just as keen about it as I am."

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trade in livestock, then this is about as good a profession as the next," according to Mr. Vaughn. Yet he usually cautions young men that experience is their only teacher and it takes a lot of time to learn the ramifications of the livestock trade. He says, "most of the men I know who have made a success in livestock marketing started early in life, worked hard and above all else stayed with it through good and bad times alike."



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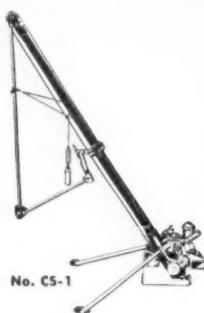
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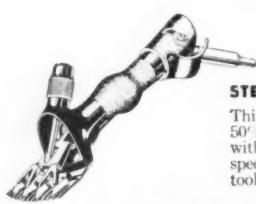
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A man who always says what he thinks is courageous and friendless.

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We used to know an old fellow who would wait until an argument reached a boiling point, then counter with, "Never make a statement until you are sure of the facts."

"There is no doubt that Russia is reeling towards defeat." — John T. Flynn, 1941.

"We give the Germans 2 to 4 weeks to blitz Britain into submission." — Lawrence Dennis, 1940.

"Adolph Hitler will never become dictator of Germany." — Dorothy Thompson, 1933.

"I wouldn't be President of the U. S. for a million dollars." — Harry S. Truman, 1935.

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A little boy came home from school and announced to his mother: "I'm in a fine fix at school. The teacher says I have to write more legibly and if I do, she'll find out that I can't spell."

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A dancing studio displayed this sign: "We guarantee not only to keep you from being a wallflower, but we remove the pot."

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A clergyman noticed a woman, Mrs. Parker, whom he much disliked, coming up his front steps. Taking refuge in his study, he left it up to his wife to entertain the caller.

Half an hour later he emerged from his retreat, and hearing nothing in the drawing room, called to his wife: "Has that horrible bore gone?"

The woman was still in the drawing room, but the minister's wife proved equal to the occasion. "Yes, dear," she called back, "she went long ago. Mrs. Parker is here now."

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The housewife was having her second cup of coffee in the breakfast nook. She heard the back door open and thinking it was her young son called out, "Here I am, darling."

After a moment, a rather embarrassed voice replied, "This is not the regular iceman, Ma'am."

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A lady went to an exclusive store to buy an all wool coat, but the price of \$175 was too high for her, so she went to a store down the street and found a similar coat for only \$85, which she bought. The thought the exclusive store was trying to get the best of her, made her go back and show them her bargain. "But my dear lady," said the exclusive store's salesman, "Our coat is made of virgin wool."

Replied the lady, "For a difference of \$90, what do I care what the sheep did before you took its wool?"

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Once there was a woman driver who went to Heaven. She knocked off one of the gates going in.

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Itches is something that when a recruit is standing at attention his nose always does.

Then there was the sheep man who threw his watch into the sheep dip because he wanted to get rid of the ticks.

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"Girls were harder to kiss in your day, weren't they, Grandpa?"

"Mebbe, mebbe," ventured the old man. "But it wasn't so blamed dangerous. I never heard of a parlor sofa running off the road and smashing into a light pole."

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Lawyer, reading client's last will and testament to a group of eager relatives: "And so, being of sound mind, I spent every cent I had before I died."

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Sign in a machine shop: "Girls, if your sweater is too large for you, look out for the machines; if you are too large for your sweater, look out for the machinists."

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Scientists say that in a few years there will be no blondes left in this country. The fact is it's hard to leave one now.

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The president of a large manufacturing firm was experiencing considerable trouble with the union at the plant. As a result he had spent many sleepless nights. Finally he went to his doctor and requested some type of pills or medicine that would permit him to rest.

The doctor was sympathetic but declined to make any recommendations.

"What about that twilight sleep I hear about?" the man inquired.

"Oh! That's for labor," the doctor replied.

"Yes, I know," the man answered, "but don't you have something for management?"

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### WORDS

The Ten Commandments contain 297 words.

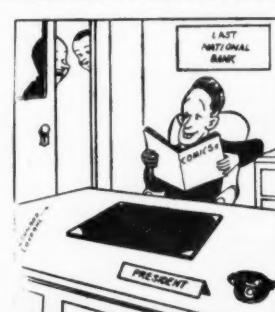
Lincoln's Famous Gettysburg Address contained only 266 words.

Writers of the Declaration of Independence used a mere 300 words in the declaration itself.

But the OPS order to regulate the price of cabbage alone contains 26,911 words.

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Lots of folks have a good aim in life, but most of them don't know when to pull the trigger.



"Sure he's green at the job - he just won this place in a soap contest."

## Federal Aid Sought by Senator For Increased Wool Production

DEMOCRATIC Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming has asked for an annual output of not less than 360 million pounds of wool in the United States, or an increase of 50 per cent. This country at present does not have enough wool for its military program, he said.

As chairman of the joint committee on the economic report, O'Mahoney asked the Secretary of Agriculture to consider a program based on loans to producers who are holding wool for later sale, direct purchases of wool by the government and a combination loan and purchase program.

The last would allow the producer a choice to fill his individual needs and position.

"Many producers feel that if a loan program, such as is in effect for cotton and other commodities, were available for wool, it would encourage greater production than support by direct purchase," he commented.

His report emphasized that sheep and wool production have long been in a decline. Contribution to this slump, O'Mahoney noted, were scarcity and high costs of labor, more favorable increases in some other kinds of livestock prices, and increase of synthetic fiber production and the

fact that the investment required to establish sheep ranches has jumped.

With the billions of dollars spent on European relief of one sort or another our generous government

could have dammed the Trinity, Colorado, Rio Grande, Brazos, Red River, Devil's River and the Pecos and drilled fourteen million seven hundred and ninety-seven deep water wells in West Texas. It could have installed an automatic water sprinkling system over more than one half of the southern United States and crazy as such activity might seem this country would probably be better off and a lot wetter, says the old-timer who is beginning to believe the present dry spell is the "grizzliest of them all."

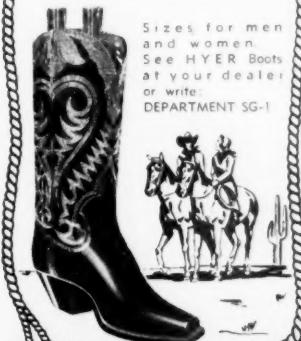


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The Indians' explanation is in the form of legend. They called the tower "Mateo Tepec", meaning "Grizzly Bears' Lodge". One day, according to their story, seven Indian girls were chased by bears. The girls ran toward their village. However, the bears were closing in and the girls became desperate. As the bears were about to catch them, the girls jumped on a small rock. As if in answer to their prayers, the rock began to grow. It pushed the children even higher until they were out of reach of the bears. But it didn't stop growing even then. The children were eventually pushed up into the sky and are still there in

the form of seven little stars—the Pleiades.

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When a dog gets "skunked", he's miserable and so is everyone around him. Few people are aware of the simplest and most effective of all odor-squashers—give him the vinegar works. Wash the contaminated parts with bulk cider vinegar. If you use bottled vinegar and it is too weak to neutralize the odor the first washing, rinse dog thoroughly and use it again.

Results are immediate, perfect and very comforting to the dog and everyone else concerned.

By the same token, don't bury clothes that have received a direct hit by the "woods kitty". If the vinegar wash removes some of their color, next time you will have an alternate: Which do you prefer, color or odor?

### Iguana Cook an Egg

I know, I know! It's corny, but I couldn't think of another title for this bit of fact from the land down under.

A shortage of hen eggs never bothers Australia's aborigines—so long as they have their iguanas. It's an old culinary custom among them. Just cook a large iguana (a species of lizard), open it up and out pops nicely done eggs. Although minus shells, they're very palatable.

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TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER—Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Schulz, operators of the Take-It-Easy Ranch on the Cypress Creek Road, paid \$8.00 a pound for this lamb, shown by Hubert Risinger, Bandera County 4-H Club boy. The total price for this lamb was \$744. This was the top price paid at the auction sale which followed the Hill Country District Livestock Show in Kerrville.

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## Outdoor Notes

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### African Taxation

The jackal is called the "lion's provider". When on the trail of his prey, the critter's hideous calls disclose his whereabouts to the lion. Bro. Lion follows in the jackal's wake and drives him away from the carcass when the kill is made. Old Leo then eats his fill. If the jackal is lucky, he is able to sneak back later and clean up the scraps.

Those of us who have filled out tax forms lately know now how the jackal feels . . .

### Sheep in Goose's Clothing

Recently, there was a goose in North Carolina that didn't know itself from a sheep on the ground . . .

Thomas Erhart, of Salisbury, said that a blue goose landed at the rear

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of the flock as he was moving his sheep across a road and into a pasture. "For five days Mr. Blue stayed with the sheep," Erhart related. "He'd come with them into the barnlot at night, then go back to pasture of mornings — always on foot. He never attempted to fly other than when he'd make short trips to a nearby pond."

"Finally, the goose left and was gone three days. Then he came back and stayed with my sheep for another two days. He disappeared then and I haven't seen him since."

### Short Snorts

The goat-sucker, or nightjar, is a bird around which a number of legends have been woven. The ancients believed it sucked goats at night; afterwards, the goats dried up and lost their sight.

The narwhal is called "sea unicorn" because of the long spiral and taperel tusk that grows from its upper jaw. This is sometimes as long as ten feet. Its purpose has never been determined. Ironically, the tusk is often fashioned into a harpoon used in the hunting of these sea animals.

## GOOD SHEPHERDESS

WHEN OUR January issue of the Sheep and Goat Raiser came, the wife held it up and asked whose picture. I said, "Our friend, Ammie Wilson, she met you at the International in 1950." This cover picture shows a Good Sheep of the Right Breed and a Good Shepherdess.

Our Hamps are doing fine. We have several nice lambs and more to come. I sure enjoy reading the Sheep and Goat Raiser. If I am ever in your part of Texas, I sure want to visit you folks and your Hampshires and if you can ever make Southern Indiana, S.W. corner — be sure and look us up.

EARL SMITH  
Owensville, Indiana

It is reported that J. R. C. Mosley who lives near Mineral Wells recently purchased approximately 1,500 head of Angora nannies for his ranch in Palo Pinto County.

Wendell Henderson, Fort Worth, recently purchased 200 head of Angora goats from a Hamilton County grower. These goats will go on Mr. Henderson's place in Palo Pinto County.

Jim Gill, who raises fine Polled Herefords, at Coleman, was in the magazine office in mid-February. He was on his way west to visit polled Hereford breeders, Mansie Hoggett, Merton; Malone Mitchell, Fort Stockton and Sanderson. Mr. Gill said he was in the market for some good heifers of breeding age. While the drouth is hurting a lot, he says that he is standing pat.

M. D. Bryant, San Angelo, recently purchased the south 21 sections of the Nine-Point Mountain Ranch 51 miles south of Alpine from Fred Olenbush, Sweetwater, paying \$12.38 per acre cash for four sections and cash and trade for the balance at approximately the same figure.

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## Auctions Elect Officers and Oppose Federal Controls

IN FORT WORTH, February 2 and 3 the annual joint meeting of the American Livestock Auction Association and the Livestock Auction and Commission Sales Association of Texas was held.

Roy Kothmann of Uvalde was re-elected president of the American Livestock Association and Clay Wilson of Monroe, Louisiana, vice-president. Walter C. Wolff of San Antonio was named executive secretary-treasurer. Directors of the Association for 1952 include: G. B. Fishburn, Howard Johnson and C. C. Wendt of Kansas; L. H. Coltharp, Sr., and Clay Wilson of Louisiana; and Roy Kothmann, Max Lindeman and H. E. McCulloch of Texas.

P. A. Lundy, Jr. of El Campo was named president of the Texas Association; Sig Jernigan of Goldthwaite, vice-president; Riley Kothmann of Pearsall, treasurer; and Wolff, executive secretary.

Most of the states represented at the meeting voiced strong objections to the impending threat of federal supervision under the Packers and Stockyards Act.

The auction men went on record as stating that compliance with local and state laws governing their operations will assure proper conduct of auctions without the unnecessary and expensive red tape involved in federal supervision.

Duval Davidson, director of the Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission, discussed the state regulation requiring dipping of sheep going from public concentration points back to Texas ranches. This requirement went into effect February 4. Davidson assured the auction men that he would endeavor to see that enough state inspectors were employed to enforce the regulation.

H. E. McCulloch, co-owner of San Angelo Livestock Auction Company, asked how this regulation would apply to shipping pens such as railroad pens and those other than at auction markets. Davidson asserted that these are not used as market places, and that the regulation covers only pens where sheep are brought together from several sources, mixed and then shipped back to Texas ranges. McCulloch and several other auction owners insisted that many shipping pens including railroad as well as various private yards, are indeed used by sheep dealers and ranchmen to assemble, and sort sheep for shipment back to the country as well as to out-of-state destinations.

The auction operators made the point that unless pens other than their own or those of central markets in the state were governed by the regulation, the effect would simply be that sheep would be traded at local shipping pens rather than at public markets. This, they said, would not only divert business from their own establishments, but would also circumvent the regulation itself and prevent it from achieving its purpose, which is to eradicate sheep scabies.

Davidson said that the inspectors would watch for this and see that wherever sheep are traded and sent back to the country, dipping of the sheep would be required.

On the question of disinfecting trucks, Davidson told the gathering that this was not a grave problem because of the long residual action of BHC, the required chemical for dipping. All experiments with BHC show that sheep are free from danger of contracting scabies for at least 30 days after they have been dipped in the solution.

### CONCHO RIVER FARM SELLS FOR \$137,000

A 682-ACRE stockfarm on the Main Concho River, owned by R. C. Jones of San Angelo, has been sold for \$200 per acre. The buyer was Raymond Davis of San Angelo. Davis was in the market for another farm because his land is now part of the lakebed of the new North Concho Dam.

Jones had owned the farm about four years. A grocery store owner, Jones fattened out some cattle and poultry for his store the first two years that he had the farm. The land is located about 15 miles east of San Angelo. It included about 215 acres of cultivated land, 60 of which are irrigated from the river. A 225-foot irrigation well has been drilled on the place.

Improvements include a good frame house, barn, shed, pens, fences and a mile-and-a-half of river front.

T. J. Davis, son of the new owner, will operate the farm.

### KIMBLE COUNTY AGENT TAKES FORT WORTH JOB

JOHN W. (Jack) Jennings, county agent of Kimble County since November, 1947, has tendered his resignation effective March 1. Jennings has accepted a position in the livestock branch of the Department of Agriculture in Fort Worth. His headquarters will be the Fort Worth Stockyards.

A successor to Jennings has not yet been named.

### WORLD RECORD PRICE FOR CORRIE DALE STUD EWES

A WORLD record price of \$140 a head was paid for Corriedale stud ewes at an auction at Moorabool, Victoria, in December. The stud, owned by J. F. Guthrie, realized \$152,225. The auction sale was unique as it was an unreserved sale of a complete flock of 3,700 stud sheep belonging to a famous Australian stud farm. About 2,000 buyers from all parts of Australia, and from South Africa and New Zealand, bid for the famous Elcho Corriedales. Average cost for stud ewes was \$60, and the lowest price was \$15. The vendor, J. F. Guthrie, is retiring from the industry.



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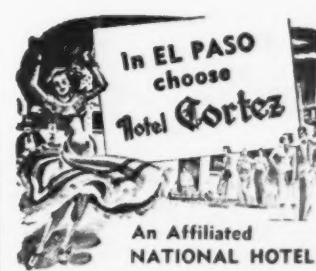
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DAHLIA — was mentioned by Hernandez in 1615 after his visit to Mexico. Evidently the plant had been under cultivation by the native Mexicans for a long time even then . . .



The LILY, of which there are many varieties, is said to have come to us from Bermuda. . .



There is an old belief that the CARNATION springs from the graves of lovers, hence it has become a popular funeral flower.



In the Orient the CHRYSANTHEMUM symbolizes the sun.

## Floral Facts and Folklore

By Jewell Casey

FLOWERS AND gardens have played important roles in the lives of men since the beginning of time. They are symbolic of religion, history, and romance. Plant names come from many sources. Some are named for the place of their origin, some are named for the discoverer of the plant, and others are named because of the usage for which they are most noted.

When the study of plants began there was a general confusion of names. Inasmuch as plants are international it was necessary to give them names which would identify them accurately in each country. Therefore, they were given Latin names because Latin has been the international language of science for centuries. Few of us know Latin well, and so common names are used more often when referring to plants.

It is interesting to note some of the facts concerning the origin of a few of our well known and beloved flowers.

The Dahlia, with its more than 10,000 species, should perhaps come first. Much credit is due a Swedish botanist who devoted untold time and work in cultivating the wild tubers of dahlias taken from the mountains of Mexico to Europe about the year 1787. This flower lover was Andrew Dahl, from whose name the "dahlia" was derived.

It is said that Josephine, Empress of France, preferred the dahlia above all other plants, and even planted it with her own "regal hands." She had her plants guarded most jealously and would never permit a flower, seed or tuber out of her possession. However, a Polish prince bribed one of Josephine's gardeners to steal some of the dahlia bulbs. After the "royal flowers" got into the hands of commoners, the haughty Empress no longer cared for dahlias and even refused to let them remain in her gardens.

The Chrysanthemum, meaning golden flower, is one of the world's oldest cultivated flowers. Contrary to popular belief, it was known in Chinese gardens some two thousand years before its introduction into Japan. The favorite varieties in our modern gardens were highly esteemed in China many years before the plant was even known in Europe.

Tulips were apparently first cultivated by the Turks from wild Asiatic species that were seen and admired by explorers. A Flemish diplomat who traveled to Turkey on a diplomatic mission in 1585, took home with him bulbs of the tulip, giving the first definite account of the plant which was already long under cultivation.

Our beautiful Geraniums, popular house plants, are the results of scientific breeding through the ages from wild species. "Wild geraniums" are known in Europe and we have a species in the United States, but it was from the dry regions of South Africa where the ancestors of our present day geraniums originated.

Violets, of which there are over

200 species, are found wild in various sections of the United States. However, it is said that this plant was brought to this country from the fields of Palestine. The violet has long been cultivated in Europe, and it was from an ordinary violet that through special care the Pansy was originated.

Pansy is one of the lovely names, coming from the French word "pense," meaning thoughts. In different countries they are known by different common names, but in England it is "Meet-her-in-the-entry-kiss-her-in-the-buttery," the longest plant name in the English language!

Cyclamen, the exotic-looking plant with its pretty pink, purple or white nodding flowers and attractive foliage, grew wild all through the Holy Land. It was introduced into this country as a house plant many years ago.

The ever popular Poppy, a native of the Mediterranean region, where it has been cultivated since remote antiquity, having been grown by the ancient Swiss Lake Dwellers, Greeks and Romans, is grown for more than the mere beauty of its flowers. The seeds are used for food, and for making poppy oil which is used like olive oil. The dried sap is the source of opium from which morphine is obtained. Cultivation of the poppy for the production of opium is extensive



According to legend the IRIS originated in this manner: Iris, maid of Juno, served her mistress so well she was allowed to dress in brilliant colors and was given the rainbow for a scarf. Because of her faithful service, Juno caused a flower to grow on earth that would bear the name of Iris, and it would glow with all colors of the rainbow — hence the flowers that are today our Iris!



in India, China, Turkey, and Egypt. In the United States it is known chiefly as a favorite garden plant, with flowers in almost every known color.

The beautiful **Hollyhocks**, favorites in old-fashioned gardens, are native to India. In Egypt this plant is cultivated for its leaves only, which, when young are cooked and said to be delectable greens.

Another old favorite, and indeed a beautiful flower, is the **Peony**, which came from the East via Persia to Greece where it gave the land of "Paeonia" its name.

**Begonias**, of which there are approximately 500 different varieties, natives of the tropics, have been cultivated since 1777, and increase in popularity all the time.

Named for Kamel, a noted Swedish botanist and explorer, the **Camellia**

In Europe the **DAISY** is known as "Easter Bowl," "Trembling Star," "Mary's Flower," "A-thon sand Charms" and "Measure of Love." It has long been cultivated in both Europe and America.

is a native to the Philippine Islands. Upon Kamel's return to Spain in 1639, he presented to Queen Maria Theresa one of the exotic flowers. She prized greatly the shrub which produced snowy white blossoms, devoid of odor. After Dumas wrote "The Lady With The Camellias," the plants became quite popular, and continue to the present time.

The **Carnation** is usually considered a native of America, but it has been grown in Europe for more than 2,000 years, and did not reach this country until about 100 years ago. It

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## Floral Facts

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is true that the carnation as we know it today is a decided improvement over the "clove gilliflower" or "coronation" as it was known in Shakespeare's time. In later years it was known as "pinks", not because of its color, but because the verb "pink" means to pierce or puncture, and the flowers were so called on account of the jagged edges of the petals.

There are about 100 species of Iris



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While the history of the Iris is obscure, it is known that the first plants flowered in Europe almost 100 years ago. The Louisiana Iris abounds in a pleasing variety of colors in swamps of the Mississippi Delta, and were first brought to attention about 25 years ago.

The **Poinsetti** was named for Dr. Joel Poinsett, American consul to Mexico, the native home of the plant. The **Zinnia** was named for Johan Zinn, professor of medicine at Gottingen, and the **Forsythia** for Robert Forsyth, the **Fuchsia** for Leonard Fuch, a German botanist.

The **Lilac**, one of our most beloved old-fashioned shrubs, a native of Persia, was brought to this country by the Puritans.

Doubtless the **Rose** is the most widely known and most important of all cultivated flowers, since with the exception of the Arctic lands and the equatorial belt, it is **grown and worn** in all parts of the world.

According to naturalists, the rose was first known in Persia, and believed to have been introduced into Europe by Alexander the Great.

### CHANDLER LAMB WINS TERRELL SHOW

GLYNN CHANDLER showed a crossbred lamb to the grand championship and a fine wool lamb to the reserve championship of the second annual Terrell County FFA show in Sanderson, February 9.

Ruby Jean Bell was chosen sweetheart of the FFA chapter and C. C. Mitchell, Sanderson ranchman, was given an honorary chapter farmer degree. Mitchell has assisted the FFA members with their program. The chapter has 32 members who exhibited 60 lambs, 15 rams, three ewes and 15 chickens.

Glynn Chandler had the first and second place breeding ewes, the first and second place ewe and ram and the first in fine wool and crossbred lambs.

In fine wool lambs Jimmy Talbot had second place and Pres Esscamilla, third.

Winners in the crossbred lambs included Joe Nessmith, second, and Wilkinson, third.

Marion Powers had the third place breeding ewe and ram.

### WITTENBURG PLANS JUNE RAM SALE

ODUS WITTENBURG of Eden has proved that he believes it will rain again in West Texas by announcing that he will have a Debouillet Ram Sale on June 9, in Junction. The auction will be held at the Fairgrounds and Lemuel Jones will be auctioneer.

Wittenburg plans to offer 150 choice Debouillet rams for sale. Many ranchmen of the area are finding that Debouillots are the ideal dual-purpose sheep for the man who wants long staple, fine wool and excellent body conformation, he said.

D. J. Oberocker and Son of Coldwater, Kansas have purchased 500 four-year-old ewes from Luke Robinson of San Angelo. The ewes were shipped February 8 and will start lambing March 20. Cam Lawhorn of San Angelo arranged the sale.

## In Memoriam

### GAYLORD J. STONE

GAYLORD J. STONE, 63, president of Universal Mills and prominent Fort Worth civic leader, died on a train en route to Phoenix, Arizona, January 15. He suffered a heart attack.

A native of Marion, Virginia he came to Texas in 1920 and established Universal Mills in Fort Worth in 1922. He had been president and general manager of that firm since its inception.

He also had served as president of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, the Fort Worth Grain and Cotton Exchange and the Texas Feed Manufacturers Association. He had been a director of the Tarrant County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, Texas State Prison Board, Gulf Colorado and Santa Fe Railway, First National Bank of Fort Worth, Houston Fire and Casualty Insurance Co. and the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show.

### ARTHUR MITCHELL

ARTHUR MITCHELL, 83, died at his home in Marfa, February 13. He had spent 67 years in the Marfa area and during that time was prominent as a ranchman, businessman and historian.

At one time he and his father amassed a ranch of 400 sections and built a herd of 10,000 cattle. He was also noted as a horseman.

Mitchell helped to establish the first Methodist Church at Marfa. He was a part-owner of the Mitchell-Gillette Dry Goods Stores in Marfa and Alpine, concerns which are said to be the oldest stores of their kind in operation.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Hershell Hord and Mrs. J. H. Marshall of Marfa; a son, Robert Lee of Magdalena, New Mexico; three granddaughters, Mrs. Albert West III of San Antonio, Mrs. Frank Hord of Alpine and Miss Nance Mitchell of Magdalena; and three grandsons, Bradford Mitchell of Texas A and M College, and John and Jimmy Marshall of Marfa.

### SIDNEY MILLSPAUGH, JR.

SIDNEY S. MILLSPAUGH, JR., 42, Crockett and Pecos County ranchman, was found dead February 5 at his Pecos County farm between Girvin and Buena Vista. He died of gunshot wounds. The coroner's verdict has been withheld pending further investigation.

The Millspaugh family is well-known in ranching circles throughout West Texas. Millspaugh had a ranch in Crockett County and had developed irrigated acreage from pumping wells at the lower end of cultivated acreage in the Red Bluff project of the Pecos Valley. He was a resident of Ozona.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Dorothy Baker Millspaugh; three children, Linda, Marilyn and Sidney, III of Ozona; his mother, Mrs. Sarah Millspaugh of San Angelo and a brother, Austin Millspaugh of Ozona.

### MRS. WILLIAM ANSON

MRS. WILLIAM ANSON, 65, died February 10 at her home in San Angelo. She had been in declining health for several weeks. The widow of an English aristocrat and early-day West Texas ranchman, Mrs. Anson had been a resident in San Angelo at intervals since 1917.

In 1917, she married William (Billy) Anson, a son of the Earl of Lichfield, and they came to live at the Head-of-the-River Ranch above Christoval. Large springs on this ranch form the South Concho River.

Anson and his brothers, Claud and Frank, came to this country in 1891 and first settled in Coleman County. In 1902, Billy Anson purchased the Head-of-the-River Ranch. He was well-known as an equestrian connoisseur and purchased thousands of West Texas horses for the British during the Boer War. He became an American citizen and served as a captain in the First World War. He died in a London hospital in 1926.

Before her husband's death, Mrs. Anson and her daughter (now Mrs. Ford Boulware) moved to England, and soon back to the United States. In 1928 they returned to Europe and lived in Paris. In the mid-30's they took up residence in New York and finally returned to San Angelo in 1941.

Mrs. Boulware of the Head-of-the-River Ranch survives her mother.

### G. H. (GIB) COWDEN

GILBERT HAMBY (Gib) COWDEN, 59, Crane ranchman, died February 10 in a Crane hospital, of arthritis and a lung complication which had developed recently.

Survivors include a son, Billy Tom of Crane; three sisters, Mrs. Ivan Stoker, Mrs. James S. Day and Mrs. Bernice Adams of San Antonio; four brothers, Jack and Ben of San Antonio, George of Pearsall and Bill of Kent. A nephew, Jax Cowden, Jr. and a niece, Mrs. Charles Poteet, both of San Angelo also survive.

### MRS. S. V. STEVENSON

MRS. SOPHIA V. STEVENSON, 84, mother of former governor Coke Stevenson, died February 10 in an Edwards County hospital after an illness of several months.

Survivors are three sons Coke of Junction, Mark of Harper and Pierce of Austin; four daughters, Mrs. C. Gardner Franks of Rocksprings, Mrs. W. N. Tinsley of San Antonio, Mrs. W. C. Vernon of Wimberly and Mrs. Frank Calcott of New York City. Also ten grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren survive.

### J. CARROL DITMORE

J. CARROLL DITMORE, 76, died February 8 in Stephenville of a heart condition. He was a longtime resident in San Angelo. A stockfarmer, Ditmore came to San Angelo from Panola County in 1886.

Survivors include three children: Henry Ditmore of Stephenville, Mrs. Ford Edwards of San Angelo, Mrs. Sherman Apple of Aledo; three brothers, V. G. Ditmore of Hico, Raymond Ditmore of Conroe and Claude Ditmore of Bronte. Four grandchildren also survive.



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**OLD DOFFLEMYER HOUSE** — The first plans for the organization of a co-operative wool marketing association in Texas are said to have been made here. The hotel, luxurious in its day, was built in 1873 and was destroyed by fire in 1894. One of the busiest places in San Saba was the Dofflemyer lobby where many sheep and wool trades were made. A bear in the foreground — from somewhere in Texas — was an early day tourist attraction.

**San Saba's Name**

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wool, 75,000 pounds of mohair, 3,000 tons of peanuts, 400 bales of cotton.

The population of San Saba is 3,348 and the entire county boasts around 8,000 people.

San Saba was named from the river which subsequently gets its name from the old Spanish mission established in 1756 by the Franciscan Fathers near the headwaters of the river in Menard County, 45 miles from the city of San Saba. Historians say that the river was discovered on Holy Saturday (Santo Sabado), hence the name.

San Saba could indirectly be called the home of "Home on the Range," since the mother of David Guion, composer of the famous song, was a native of the town.

**THANKS**

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LET ME thank you for all the fine publicity the Sheep and Goat Raiser has given the Bandera section in the past few months. We think your magazine is the very best in Texas, as well as the other states, for the ranchman.

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**W. C. DOFFLEMYER** — W. C. Dofflemyer, now president of the City National Bank, San Saba, was a small boy when his father, James F. Dofflemyer, operated a fine hotel known as the Dofflemyer House. Many early day sheep and wool trades were made in the old hotel which burned in 1894. The City National stands on the site of the old Dofflemyer House.

one year in his spare time." The owners of these sheep raise them to keep down grass and weeds on their estates.

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**Mrs. Truett Stanford, Eldorado,** says she is an Arkansas widow. Truett has sold off nearly all his registered Corriedale sheep, keeping only the top of his 1951 lamb crop and his best breeding rams. His activities in Arkansas were not detailed but many West Texas ranchmen are buying land in that state for several reasons but mainly because it rains and produces grass there.

One Arkansas family recently visiting the magazine office complained that the Texas ranch people were paying so much for land that "us common Arkansas folk can't afford to keep it and can't afford to sell."

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**AN AFFILIATED NATIONAL HOTEL**



By Jack B. Taylor

NEW MEMBERS of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association are: Nels L. Dahlquist, Laramie, Wyoming; H. D. Myers, Clearmont, Wyoming; Marvis Miller, Sahara Village, Utah; Phelps Ranch Company, Meeteetse, Wyoming; Paul Myers, Carlile, Wyoming; Ovey Taliaferro, Eden, Texas; and Charles and Helen Brinkerhoff, Interlaken, New York. E. C. Johle, Clifton, Texas, has reinstated his membership and started registering sheep again.

Ovey Taliaferro, new member from Eden, Texas, purchased 20 ewes from Joe B. Edens of Eldorado and 19 ewes and one ram from Don Cooksey of Christoval, Texas.

Stewart Armstrong of Meeteetse, Wyoming, purchased 18 ewes from the Phelps Ranch Company, also of Meeteetse.

Milton McFatter, Camp Wood, Texas, bought 36 ewes from John and Stuart Williams, Eldorado.

Joe Maddux, Mariscal, Texas, has

received 94 ewes and six rams from V. I. Pierce, Ozona, Texas.

D. Wilson Smith, Llano, Texas, bought 90 ewes from Joe B. Edens, Eldorado.

Robert C. Scott, Big Spring, Texas, purchased 60 ewes from T. F. Benge, Millersview.

Registered Rambouillet breeders with many years show experience say they have never seen a flock that was better fed and fitted all the way

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## EWE LAMB CLASS AT KERRVILLE DISTRICT SHOW

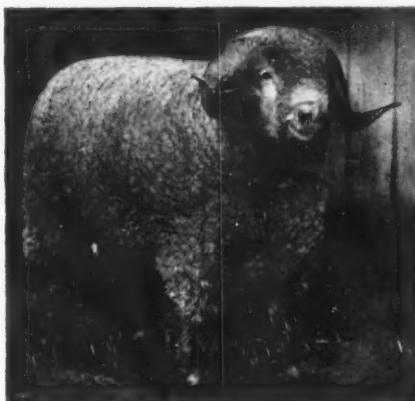
Kimble County 4-H and FFA boys were in the limelight as they grabbed a majority of the placings in the district show at Kerrville.

Rambouillet ewe lamb class — a feature of the show, in order of placing from left to right: (Held by exhibitor unless otherwise stated) 1, Frank Randolph, Kimble 4-H; 2, Frank Randolph, held by Millard Bennett; 3, Gene Simon, Kimble 4-H; 4, Tommy Porter, Kimble 4-H; 5, George Parker, Kimble 4-H; 6, Gene Simon, Kimble 4-H, held by Charles Chenault; 7, Lem Fleming, Junction FFA; 8, Phil Stapp, Junction FFA; 9, Jesse Pinkerton, Junction FFA; 10, Tommy Huffman, Junction FFA; 11, Marvin Coney, Kimble 4-H; 12, Marvin Coney, held by Guy Dutton; 13, Jesse Pinkerton, Junction FFA, held by Loraine Fleming; 14, John Powell, Kerr 4-H; 15, Phil Stapp, Junction FFA, held by Edward Kothmann.



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AT A well-attended meeting February 20 in the ballroom of the Gant Hotel, San Antonio, Tom Hinton, Hampshire breeder of Keller, Texas, was elected president of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas, succeeding J. P. Heath of Argyle. H. C. Noelke, Sheffield, was named vice-president and Mr. Heath replaced his

son, who is in service, as secretary-treasurer.

A number of new directors were named to the organization. Leonard Richardson, Iraan, was named Ramboillet director; L. J. Leudecke, Austin, Southdown director; W. M. Arnold, Blanco, Corriedale director; Mrs. Movelda Van Etten, Denton, Shropshire director; Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano, was named medium wool director at large, and R. R. Walsom, Menard, a fine wool director at large. Jack Taylor, San Angelo, was named a director at large.

The auditing committee of which Mr. Leudecke is chairman, reported a balance of \$1,423.43 for the year, a gain of nearly \$600 over that of the previous year.

Approximately 100 sheepmen belong to the organization which represents the purebred sheep industry mainly in matters pertaining to the exhibition of sheep in the shows and fairs.

The organization voted to study the proposition of spending \$100 to assist in sending a livestock judging team to the national contest in Chicago later this year.

Representatives of the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce, headed by Mr. Watkins, and the Williamson County Boys Show, headed by Mr. Fletcher, extended an invitation to the organization to hold its 1952 purebred sale at Georgetown. The invitation was accepted and the date for the sale set for May 3. The preceding day will be devoted to the showing of sheep.

The purebred association voted to recommend that livestock shows retain classifications of aged sheep. One or more shows have eliminated showing of aged sheep and the purebred association went on record as being unfavorable to this move.

Members of the organization voted to hold the next annual meeting in Fort Worth, the date to be set later. In the past it has been held during the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.

After considerable discussion members of the Association voted to recommend to the various shows that in the boys' lamb show there be set up provisions for three champion lambs — fine-wool champion, medium-wool champion and cross-bred champion. The organization also voted to favor elimination of the grand champion fat lamb of the boys' show.

The purebred sheep breeders also went on record as favoring either the elimination of weight limits on fat lambs or a provision for a light weight lamb show and a heavy weight lamb show.

The routine of sheep shows today generally provides for the exhibition and judging of aged sheep in the first of the show. The purebred sheep breeders recommended a change in this procedure, favoring the exhibition and judging of lambs first. Several breeders pointed out that it has been a rather frequent occurrence that during the judging the lambs have

lost their lamb teeth, thus disqualifying them for later classes. This recommendation is designed to overcome this occasional disqualification — suggesting that if the lamb shows once in the judging as a lamb, the loss of lamb teeth during the judging will not bar it from being classified as a lamb in other classifications in that particular show.

The purebred sheep breeders also went on record as making it mandatory for the judges to make their placing in accordance with the score card as approved by the respective breed associations. It was pointed out that in some shows, especially with respect to fine wool sheep, the official score card of desirable characteristics of the breed were not followed but that the sheep were judged on a quality of merit system foreign to that which the breeders had been following and different from that approved by the breed association.

The purebred breeders also voted to favor setting up a committee to meet with the show officials of San Antonio in an effort to make more convenient the show facilities.

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Bill Orr, who ranches a few miles southeast of Rocksprings, has had rough going with his Angoras this winter. He has had to feed, as have all other ranchmen in his area, and feeding the number of goats he has is no cinch. He is ready and willing to sell 238 head of his finest registered does, most of which are yearlings bred to top quality bucks. He wants \$30 a head for these fine goats. He reports that he will have some 250 head of good bucks for this year's trade.



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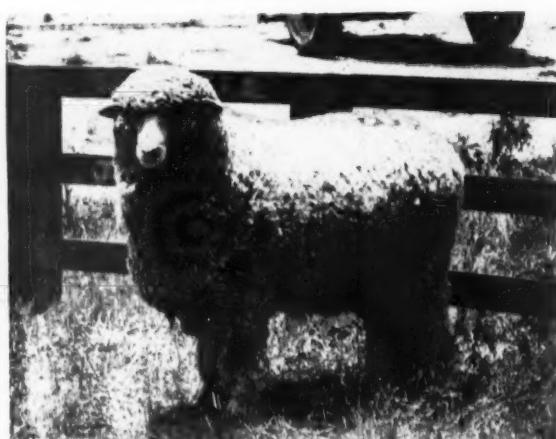
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## West Texans Featured in El Paso Sheep Show

AT THE El Paso Southwestern Livestock Exposition, February 13-17, 15-year-old Ann Harrell of Rankin had the grand champion fat lamb. Her lamb was a 99-pound Southdown. She and her sister, Barbara, had the champion Southdown ewe and ram in the breeding classes.

Quinton Lyles of McCamey had the reserve champion fat lamb, which was also a Southdown.

Jack Lewis of Union County, New Mexico, had the grand champion fat steer, 887-pound Hereford named Hugo. Reserve champion fat steer award went to a 4-H calf shown by Don Burleson of Alpine. The steer, named Pole Cat because of the white stripe down his back, weighed 740 pounds and was bred by H. L. Koker-not of Alpine.

Joe Heaton of Albuquerque, New Mexico, had the champion Quarter Horse stallion. He also showed the champion stock type Palomino mare.

Victors Vichie, owned by Mrs. Phillip S. McKee, was declared champion Quarter Horse mare. Walter Holt and Son, Artesia, N. M., had the champion pleasure type mare with Lady Margo.

Beau Mac, shown by R. J. Bauer, Kermit, Texas, was judged the champion stock type Palomino stallion and Bill Ballard, Odessa, Texas, had the reserve champion stock type Palomino with Golden Chesty.

### ANGELOANS BUY FARM

JAKE WARDLAW and John I. Moore of San Angelo have purchased a 6,410-acre farm near Elkhart on the Trinity River. In time they plan to run 2,000 head of cattle on the place.

The land is an old cotton plantation and contains 5,000 acres of bottomland. Purchase was made from O. P. Leonard of Fort Worth.

The new owners plan to turn the entire place into permanent pasture in time, and have planted 1,000 acres in good grasses already. Another 1,600 acres are to be flooded to drown out the timber the next time a rise comes down the river. This process will require about two years to accomplish its purpose.

Five artesian wells and several flowing springs are on the land but many improvements such as fencing and permanent buildings are yet to be constructed.

The farm is now being operated by L. J. Christian.

Monroe Stewart of Brownwood sold 200 solid-mouth ewes to Johnnie Martin of San Angelo at \$16 a head. The ewes were bred for March lambs and were shipped to Missouri.

Russell Koontz, Bandera, recently sold a registered stud buck to R. E. Black of San Jose, California. This off-season sale of an Angora buck was made through a Breeder Directory listing in this magazine. The buck brought \$100.

### COME BACK QUICK

SELDOM IF ever before has West Texas land been so lightly stocked. Many ranches today, even places of many sections, are completely free of range animals. In those historical drouths of the past, the half legendary drouth of '88, the unfenced majority of the acres saw some drift of livestock. Today this is impossible. One ranchman with several thousand acres declared that the milk cow and saddle horses were "overstocking" his place and that he was going to sell another horse. "But the grass will come back quick after a rain - so will the sheep and cattle."

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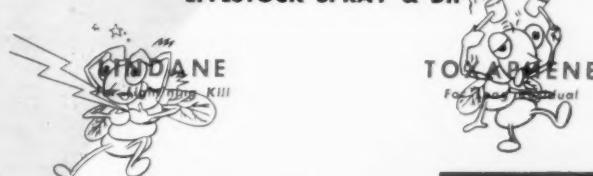
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## Performance

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Are four lambs enough to give a reliable test of the breeding ability of their sire?

No! A reliable measure of a sire should require testing all his progeny or a random sample of 6 to 10 lambs, but feeding so many lambs would seriously limit the number of sires that could be tested. Four lambs are enough to give an indication of the worth of a sire and permits testing many more lines of breeding.

Would it be better to select these 4 test lambs at random?

Yes, random selection of the test lambs will give a more reliable measure of their sire. However, because the heritability of the factors being measured is believed to be high, it is just as important to measure the individual performance of each lamb as a potential sire, as it is to measure a sire by the combined performance of his progeny. This being true, a breeder is justified in selecting the best prospects for testing in order to gain the most information from a limited number of offspring of a stud ram.

Since we are primarily interested in what sheep will do on range and pasture, would it not be desirable to conduct these tests under actual range conditions rather than in the feedlot?

Yes, if satisfactory range facilities were available.

Is there any evidence that feedlot performance is an indication of what may be expected on the range?

Yes. During the past two years gains made by ewe lambs running on the range at the Sonora Station have been in the same order as those made by their half-brothers on test in drylot. In other words, the sire groups performed the same way in drylot as they did on the range. Similar observations have been made at the U. S. Range Sheep Station at Dubois, Idaho. This is true only within breeds.

What about the influence of the ewe? Is she not as important as the ram and should we not test her?

Yes, the ewe is equally as important as the ram in determining the outcome or potential of any given lamb. Because of the number of offspring they may produce, the limited pen space is best utilized with rams.

Is it necessary to feed the sheep eight months? Could the test period be shortened?

The test was originally set for 10 months. It has been reduced to 8. It may be possible to reduce it further without greatly reducing accuracy of results. Further studies of test data are necessary to establish this point.

With the test running for eight 28-day periods (224 days) how is wool production calculated on a 12-months basis?

It is assumed that the growth rate

of wool is constant under a uniform level of feeding. Hence the clean wool produced in 224 days is multiplied by 1.63 to convert the yield to a 365-day basis.

Is one of the purposes of these tests to compare breeds?

Definitely no! While it is only natural to make comparisons, this has little meaning where mutton and wool types are compared. It is entirely possible that some mutton breeds would make greater feedlot gain than any of the fine wool breeds, yet be wholly unsuited to range conditions where the fine wools would thrive. Comparisons should be made within breeds rather than between breeds.

How much attention is paid to conformation defects?

Any lamb having abnormalities such as undershot or overshot jaw, rolled eye lids, black fibers or seriously crooked feet or legs is barred from the test. All lambs are given a numerical rating on body conformation by a committee of 4, obtained by averaging the individual ratings. A straight back, level rump, deep body, full heart girth with straight, well set legs is desirable. Horns are also rated in the same way. Breeders have little difficulty evaluating body conformation of the yearling rams out of the wool at the end of the test. They all prefer big, rugged rams, with strong constitution.

Is any attention paid to skin-folds and face covering?

Yes, a skinfold score is calculated for each lamb on entering the test and again at the end after being shorn. This score is the sum total of values given for folds of various sizes, on neck and body, multiplied by the number of folds occurring. The same formula is applied to all, and the higher the

score the greater the degree of skin-folds.

Is there any relation between skinfolds and rate of gain or clean wool yields?

A study of the Rambouillet records, consisting of 86 rams in 1949-50 and 108 rams in 1950-51, reveals some interesting though inconclusive tendencies. In both years there was a tendency for the smoother rams to be the slower gainers. They also produced less clean wool than rams intermediate in skinfold value. There seemed to be no advantage in heavy skinfolds.

Does this mean that we can get fine wool sheep too smooth, and that we must retain a certain degree of skinfolds to maintain gain-ability and wool production?

It may although more data is needed before it is conclusive. An occasional smooth ram with high gain and heavy clean wool yield illustrates the exception which suggests the possibility at least, through selection of combining smoothness with good gain and heavy fleece production.

The tendency of smooth rams to gain less and produce lighter fleeces suggests the danger of selecting for smoothness alone without due regard for other factors of economic importance such as gainability and clean wool production.

How can sheep men, both purebred and commercial producers, utilize results of this testing service?

By studying the performance of rams tested under a uniform environment, breeders of purebred as well as commercial sheep can select tested rams to improve their flocks. In other



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The Pierce sheep shown by Miles Pierce of Alpine took all championships at both the Fort Worth and San Antonio shows. The ram above was champion Rambouillet.

words, it is possible to take the guess work out of corrective breeding.

**What assurance does a breeder have that a ram will transmit his gainability or his wool producing ability?**

Analysis of our records indicate that gainability is highly heritable; in fact, it is influenced more by heredity than any of the other important factors. The estimate runs well above 50 per cent.

Wool production is also greatly influenced by heredity, the heritability estimate being in the neighborhood of 35 per cent. This simply means that 35 per cent or over 50 per cent of the variation in wool production or gain respectively is due to heredity; the remainder being due to factors other than genetic. If these values are accurate, and we have reason to believe they are because they are in agreement with work from other stations, then breeders can use tested animals with a minimum of risk.

**In what way can we improve on the present testing program?**

There are several things which might be done to add to the test. Some of them are:

(a) Make fertility tests on each ram when he completes the feeding period and before he leaves the Station. Sterility or low fertility in rams is much more prevalent than is commonly believed and is partly responsible for the low percent lamb crop in many flocks. Reproductive capacity is also believed to be hereditary and such tests would make it possible to eliminate rams of low breeding capacity.

(b) Cooperators need to keep more records on the performance of progeny from tested rams. Samples of such progeny should be brought back to the Station, but in addition each breeder should conduct his own testing program by keeping a complete set of records on weaning and yearling weights of all the offspring, plus yearling fleece weights. Such records take the guess work out of his breeding program and will pay big dividends on the cost of a set of scales.

(c) Two or more sire groups tested from the same flock permit more reliable evaluation of results because the pre-test environment and the influence of dams is about the same for both groups.

(d) Conducting these tests on actual range conditions would obviously be desirable. It is hoped that facilities for a limited amount of such work can be provided.

**WORM TROUBLE**

WARM WEATHER has been the cause of more grief for the livestock men than is usually encountered at this time of the year. In the south part of West Texas the trouble from screw worms has been rather severe. Some ranchmen report worm cases in sheep and cattle through December of last year and January and February of this year. "And if we don't get some warm weather and a little wet weather we will have a lot more worm trouble because the fly wasn't hurt much this winter," declare the ranchmen.

## Ramblings

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through than the one Miles Pierce of Alpine, Texas, is exhibiting this year. This top-quality flock has been a consistent winner this year.

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The Schleicher County 4-H Club has purchased a stud ram from C. O. Bruton of Eldorado, Texas, to be used in their Sears program. Reported price was \$300.00.

At the Annual Meeting of the Texas Purebred Sheep Breeders Association in San Antonio, the members voted to make two important recommendations to stock shows in regard to the Boys' Fat Lamb Shows. The first recommendation was that the weight limit on stock show lambs be removed or a heavy weight class be added. The second was that a champion fine wool lamb, a champion crossbred lamb, and a champion mutton breed lamb be selected in the boys' show, with no grand champion lamb being chosen.

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The Department of State is contemplating purchase of 150 yearling Rambouillet ewes and 100 yearling to three-year-old Rambouillet rams. If purchased, they will be shipped to Teheran, Iran, and will be used in the Point Four Program for that country.

John Williams of Eldorado, Texas, will judge the Rambouillet breeding sheep classes at Odessa on March 5.



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# The RANCH HOME and News of Woman's Auxiliary

## Advisory Board Approves Further Wool Promotion Plans

THE ADVISORY Board of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met in the Hotel Cactus, San Angelo, February 15 for a luncheon and business meeting.

Mrs. W. B. Wilson of San Angelo, Auxiliary president, presided at the session.

Mrs. Oscar Neunhoffer of Kerrville gave a report on the contemplated 4-H program and her trip to A and M College.

Mrs. Herman Saenger of Fort Stockton was appointed chairman of the mutton and chevron committee.

Mrs. Gus Witting, Jr. of Junction is chairman of the education committee, and Mrs. Frank Black also of Junction is working with her. The education group made plans to contact members of the state text book committee and ask that products of Texas be more strongly promoted in the state text books. Also use of films on wool in schools, plus articles in student current event publications was advocated. It was decided that the Education committee would contact the Historical Society and investigate further educational promotion.

In retail promotion, 36 garments are being designed by well-known garment manufacturers especially for the annual convention of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers to be held in San Angelo in November. These garments will be sold in stores throughout the United States. Plans for the show are shaping up and designers are planning to fly in from all parts of the country for the show.

Membership will be one of the major drives in this year's Auxiliary work. The industry needs the active support of every family engaged in the production of wool. Mrs. R. P. Smith, Jr. of Comfort, second vice-president, is in charge of the recruiting program. She will outline her plans at the March 8 meeting in San Saba.

The finance chairman, Mrs. M. C. Puckett of Fort Stockton, advised

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Committee chairmen will give complete reports of their work at the quarterly meeting.

### HILL COUNTRY GROUP TO MEET MARCH 22

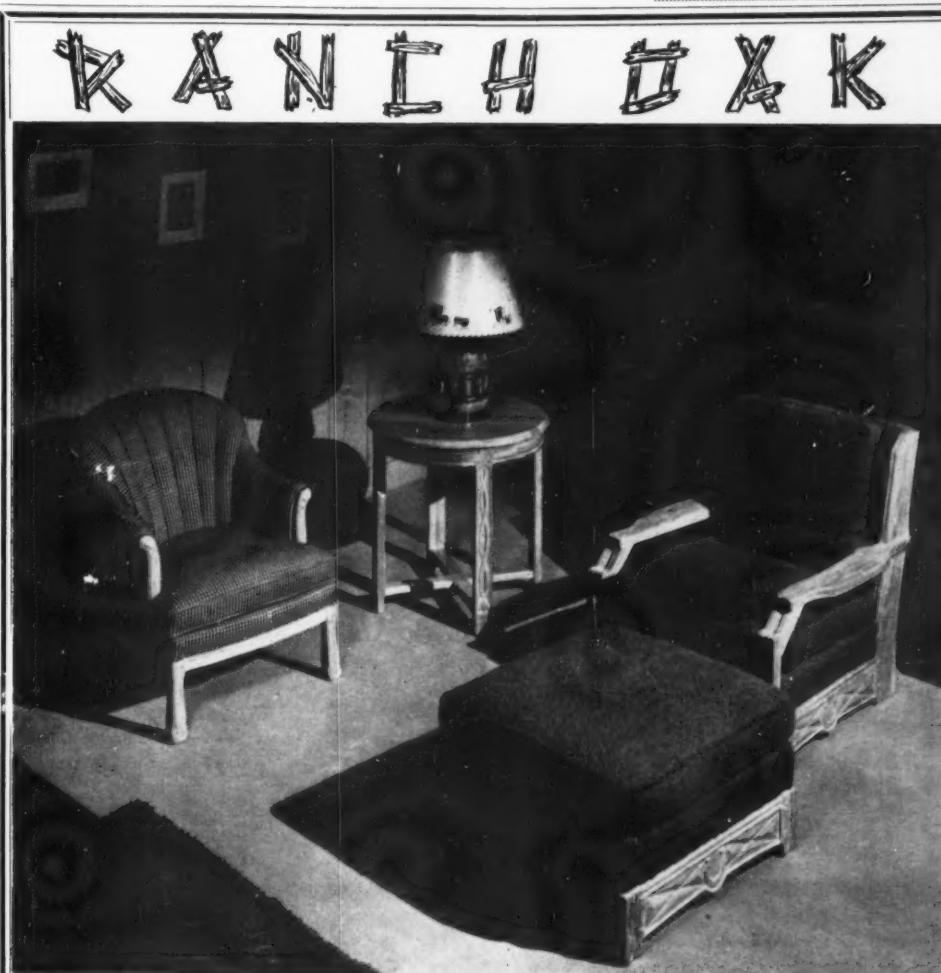
THE HILL Country Chapter of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association

will meet in Harper, Saturday, March 22 at 2:30 p. m. in the Harper School building.



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## Youths Show Marked Interest in San Antonio's Sheep Show

SAN ANTONIO'S breeding sheep show was a splendid one this year, featured by stiff competition in practically all classes and a marked amount of interest among the young people who are raising breeding sheep. This trend was evident last year at San Antonio and more so this year.

In some of the stiffest competition the older breeders came off second best to the young breeders. Not only was this true in the sheep show but in some of the classes of the Angora goat show.

In the Rambouillet show Miles Pierce of Alpine kept up his winning streak by winning both championships with the same ram and ewe which won at Fort Worth. Likewise, Ola Mae Itz of Harper, cover girl for last issue, showed that her previous winnings were not accidents. She placed both champion ram and ewe in the Delaine show.

Joe Brown Ross of Sonora and S. W. Dismukes, Rocksprings, were big winners in "C" type and "B" type Angora goat classes.

Placings in the sheep and goat shows of San Antonio were as follows:

### Rambouillet

Four to six-tooth rams, 1st and 2nd, Miles Pierce of Alpine; 3rd, Leo Richardson of Iraan. Two-tooth rams 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson; 3rd, Clinton Hodges of Sterling City; 4th, Leo Richardson; 5th, L. L. Richardson; 6th, Pierce; 7th, Hodges; 8th, Bill Cauthorn of Del Rio; 9th, Marion Powers of Sanderson; 10th, David Fawcett of Del Rio.

Ram lamb, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson; 3rd, Pierce; 4th, Hodges; 5th, Hodges; 6th, Oscar Carpenter, Jr., of Sonora; 7th, Cauthorn; 8th, Leo Richardson; 9th, Glynn Chandler of San-derson; 10th, David Fowler of Ballinger.

Four to six-tooth ewes, 1st and 2nd, Pierce; 3rd and 4th, Leo Richardson.

Two-tooth ewes, 1st, Leo Richardson; 2nd and 3rd, Pierce; 4th, Carpenter; 5th and 6th, Hodges; 7th, Carpenter; 8th, Leo Richardson; 9th, 10th, Kyle Wright of Ingram.

Ewe lambs, 1st, Leo Richardson; 2nd and 3rd, Pierce; 4th, Hodges; 5th, Leo Richardson; 6th, Cauthorn; 7th, Wright; 8th, Bobby Brown of Harper; 9th, Cauthorn; 10th, Powers.

Exhibitor's flock, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson.

Lamb flock, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson.

Get of sire, 1st, Pierce; 2nd, Leo Richardson; 3rd, Hodges.

### Delaine

Four to six-tooth rams, 1st, Dale Herring of Ballinger; 2nd, R. R. Walston of Menard; 3rd, Owen Bragg of Talpa.

Two-tooth rams, 1st and 2nd, Bragg; 3rd, Walston; 4th, G. A. Glimo of Burnet; 5th and 6th, Dale Herring; 7th, Glimo.

Ram lambs, 1st, Ola Mae Itz of Harper; 2nd, Norden; 3rd, Itz; 4th and 5th, Connie Locklin of Sonora; 6th, Walston; 7th, Herring; 8th, Glimo.

Four to six-tooth ewes, 1st and 2nd, Walston; 3rd, Bragg; 4th and 5th, Herring; 6th, Bragg.

Two-tooth ewes, 1st, Itz; 2nd, Locklin; 3rd, Bragg; 4th, Glimo; 5th, Locklin; 6th, Glimo; 7th, Herring; 8th, Bragg.

### WHITEFIELD AND HIS CHAMPION COLUMBIA RAM

Heard and Otho Whitefield, Friona, had an excellent Columbia show flock at San Antonio. Mr. Whitefield is shown here with his champion ram.

### 7-11 RANCH SHOWS CHAMPION COLUMBIA EWE

Lewis Nagy of the 7-11 Ranch, San Antonio, is holding the ranch's fine Columbia ewe, champion of the show. The 7-11 Ranch is owned by L. A. Norden.

### ARNOLDS TOP CORRIE DALE SHOW

Patricia Arnold, Blanco, is shown here with the champion Corriedale ewe of the San Antonio show. The Arnold flock won all championships. W. M. Arnold is owner.

Ewe lambs, 1st, Itz; 2nd and 3rd, Walston; 4th, Bragg; 5th, Herring. Exhibitor's flock, 1st, Walston. Lamb flock, 1st, Walston. Get of sire, 1st, Walston; 2nd, Bragg; 3rd, Locklin; 4th, Herring; 5th, Glimo.

### Corriedale

W. M. Arnold and his daughter, Patsy, Blanco, showed their Corriedale show flock to most of the winning positions in the Corriedale sheep show, winning champion ram, champion ewe and reserve champion ram.

D. A. Riley and son showed first and second aged ram; G. A. Glimp, Barnett, third and E. Bergman, Round Mountain, fourth. Arnold showed first place two-tooth ram and ram lamb. E. Bergman had second place ram lamb and Jules Ray Gipson, first ewe lamb.

Arnold showed first place exhibitor's flock, pen of lambs and get of sire, with Gipson second in flock and Bergman in pen and get classes.

### Suffolk

Trans-Pecos Suffolk Ranch of Fort Stockton, owned by Johnny Bryan, had champion ram and champion ewe. G. H. Forester's Perdido Creek Ranch of Del Rio had reserve champion ram. Harrison Davis of Dorchester showed reserve ewe.

Four to six-tooth ram, 1st and 2nd, Trans-Pecos; 3rd and 4th, Perdido Creek.

Two-tooth ram, 1st, Trans-Pecos; 2nd, Perdido Creek; 3rd, Dale Wright of Ingram; 4th, Trans-Pecos; 5th, Davis.

Ram lamb, 1st, Perdido Creek; 2nd, Trans-Pecos; 3rd and 4th, Davis; 5th, Perdido Creek; 6th, H. M. McElroy of Eden.

Four to six-tooth ewe, 1st, Trans-Pecos; 2nd, Davis; 3rd, Wright; 4th, Trans-Pecos; 5th and 6th, Perdido Creek.

Two-tooth ewe, 1st and 2nd, Trans-Pecos; 3rd, Perdido Creek.

Ewe lamb, 1st and 2nd, Trans-Pecos; 3rd, Davis; 4th, Perdido Creek; 5th, Wright; 7th, Perdido Creek.

Exhibitor's flock, 1st, Trans-Pecos; 2nd, Davis; 3rd, Perdido Creek.

Pen of lambs, 1st, Trans-Pecos; 2nd, Perdido Creek.

Get of sire, 1st, Trans-Pecos; 2nd, Perdido Creek.

### Columbia

Four to six-tooth ram, 1st, H. and O. Whitefield, Friona; 2nd and 3rd, L. A. Norden; 4th, H. and O. Whitefield.

Two-tooth ram, 1st, H. and O. Whitefield.

Ram lamb, 1st, H. and O. Whitefield; 2nd, L. A. Norden; 3rd, Duery Menzies, Menard; 4th, L. A. Norden; 5th, H. and O. Whitefield.

Four to six-tooth ewe, 1st and 2nd, L. A. Norden; 3rd and 4th, H. and O. Whitefield.

Two-tooth ewe, 1st, H. and O. Whitefield; 2nd, Maurice Bradford, Menard.

Ewe lamb, 1st, L. A. Norden; 2nd, H. and O. Whitefield; 3rd, L. A. Norden; 4th, Duery Menzies; 5th, H. and O. Whitefield; 6th, Duery Menzies.

Champion ram, H. and O. Whitefield.

Reserve champion ram, H. and O. Whitefield.

Champion ewe, 7-11 Ranch.

Reserve champion ewe, 7-11 Ranch.

Exhibitor's flock, 1st, L. A. Norden; 2nd, H. and O. Whitefield.

Pen of lambs, 1st, L. A. Nordan; 2nd, H. and O. Whitefield.  
Get of sire, 1st, H. and O. Whitefield; 2nd, L. A. Nordan.

#### Hampshire

A consistent winner at the San Antonio show, Mrs. Wilson repeated this year with her ram and ewe entries, both chosen champions. She also showed the reserve champion ram. The reserve champion ewe belonged to Harrison Davis, Dorchester. Other Hampshire results were:

Four to six-tooth ram, 1st and 2nd, Ammie Wilson; 3rd, Harrison Davis.

Two-tooth ram, 1st, Harrison Davis; 2nd, J. M. Raiden and Son, Honey Grove; 3rd, Harrison Davis; 4th, Ammie Wilson.

Ram lamb, 1st, Harrison Davis; 2nd, J. M. Raiden and Son; 3rd, Harrison Davis.

Four to six-tooth ewe, 1st, Ammie Wilson; 2nd, Harrison Davis; 3rd, Ammie Wilson; 4th, Harrison Davis.

Two-tooth ewe 1st and 2nd, Ammie Wilson; 3rd, Harrison Davis.

Exhibitor's flock, 1st, Harrison Davis.

Get of sire, 1st, Ammie Wilson; 2nd, J. M. Raiden and Son.

Special American Hampshire Sheep Assn awards went to Mrs. Wilson and J. M. Raiden for their pens of four lambs each. Mrs. Wilson also received a special association award for her flock.

Special association awards for yearling rams went to Mrs. Wilson, first place, and Harrison Davis, second place.

#### Angora Goat

##### B-TYPE

Bucks two years and up, 1st, Dismukes; 2nd, Brooks Sweeten of Rocksprings; 3rd, Bucks one to two, 1st, Sweeten; 2nd, Dismukes; 3rd, Ross; 4th, Dismukes; 5th, Ross; Buck kids, 1st, Sweeten; 2nd, Jack Moore of Kerrville; 3rd, Dismukes; 4th, J. K. Guthrie of Menard; 5th, Dismukes; 6th, Moore; 7th, Guthrie; 8th, Sweeten.

Does two years and up, 1st, Dismukes; 2nd, Ross; 3rd, Sweeten; 4th, and 5th, Guthrie.

Does one to two, 1st, Dismukes; 2nd and 3rd, Ross; 4th, Dismukes; 5th and 6th, Sweeten.

Doe kids, 1st, Moore; 2nd, Sweeten; 3rd and 4th, Dismukes; 5th, Moore; 6th, Guthrie; 7th and 8th, Chester Lamar Ite of Harper.

Breeder's flock, 1st, Dismukes; 2nd, Ross; 3rd, Sweeten.

Get of sire, 1st, Dismukes; 2nd, Sweeten.

##### C-TYPE

Bucks two and up, 1st, Ross; 2nd, Sweeten; 3rd, Sweeten one to two, 1st, Ross; 2nd and 3rd, Dismukes; 4th, Ross; 5th, Guthrie; 6th, Richard Thallman of Bandera.

Buck kids, 1st, Sweeten; 2nd, Moore; 3rd, Sweeten; 4th, Moore; 5th, Dismukes; 6th, Thallman.

Does two and up, 1st, Ross; 2nd, Guthrie; 3rd, Sweeten; 4th, Dismukes; 5th, Thallman.

Doe kids, 1st, Moore; 2nd and 3rd, Dismukes; 4th, Thallman; 5th, Moore; 6th and 7th, Sweeten; 8th, Thallman.

Breeder's flock, 1st, Ross; 2nd, Dismukes; 3rd, Thallman; 4th, Guthrie.

Get of sire, 1st, Ross; 2nd, Dismukes; 3rd, Guthrie.

## Sagebeil of Fredericksburg Shows Fine Wool Champ at San Antonio

Placings were as follows:

#### Boys Show

Fine wool fat lambs, 1st, Reinhold Sagebeil of Fredericksburg; 2nd, Bill Cheek of Eldorado; 3rd, Gene Yocham of Rankin; 4th, Franklin Doebleer of Fredericksburg; 5th, Robert Moore of Eldorado; 6th, Bill Cheek; 7th, Hale Armstrong of Texon; 8th, Wilbur Meier of Fredericksburg; 9th, Richard Boggs of Best; 10th, Hubert Edwards of San Angelo; 11th, Terry Del Rio; 12th, Charles Loeffler of Sonora; 13th, Gene Yocham of Rankin; 14th, Met Roatt of Miles; 15th, Jerry Ross of Big Lake; 18th, Bill Davis of Sterling City; 19th, Roger Sofge of Eldorado; 20th, Jim Dinsmore of Del Rio.

Southdown or Southdown crossbred lambs, 1st, Fredrick Mattox of Roby; 2nd, Thomas Peeler of Fredericksburg; 3rd, Roy D. Gregg of Plainview; 4th, Daniel F. Grenwelge of Fredericksburg; 5th, Glenn Bragg of Talpa; 6th and 7th, Edward Bredemeyer of Winters; 8th, Roy D. Gregg of Plainview; 9th, Gene Yocham of Rankin; 10th, Topper Rawlings of Fredericksburg; 11th, Gordon Sauer of Doss; 12th, Leon Spalth of Doss; 13th, Stanley Paul Sarrer of Doss; 14th, Myron Hillman of Mullin; 15th,

Johnnie Jay Phillips of Big Spring; 16th, Mack Yocham; 17th, Bobby Rawlings of Fredericksburg; 18th, Myron Hillman; 19th, Charles Allision of Lometa; 20th, Frank Boyd of Rankin. Crossbred lambs other than Southdowns, 1st, Robert Krum of Cuero; 2nd, Donald Edwards of San Angelo; 3rd, Erby Chandler of Ozona; 4th, David Jacobs of Big Lake; 5th, Kenneth Sargent of Pflugerville; 6th, Neil Caborn of McAllen; 7th, Leslie McCallum of Big Lake; 8th, Wilburn Meier of Fredericksburg; 9th, Hubert (Rat) Edwards of San Angelo; 10th, R. A. Glenn Willmann of Mason; 11th, H. A. Hartgrove, Jr., of Big Lake; 12th, Robert Summers of Big Lake; 13th, Kenneth Loeffler of Mason; 14th, Leroy Kees of Medina; 15th, John Bell of Eldorado; 16th, Charles Garlitz of Ozona; 17th, Leroy Kees of Medina; 18th, Robert Armstrong of Big Lake; 19th, Walter Stelzic, Jr. of Schulenburg; 20th, Dick Lightfoot of Big Lake.

Fifteen fine wool lambs, 1st, Reagan County FFA and 4-H Club; 2nd, Del Rio FFA; 3rd, Schleicher County 4-H; 4th, Sutton County 4-H; 5th, Sanderson FFA.

Fifteen medium wool lambs, 1st, Gilespie County 4-H and FFA; 2nd, Reagan County (Continued on page 62)



#### CORRIE DALE BREEDERS HOLD IMPROPTU MEETING

After the sheep judging in San Antonio several of the state's leading Corriedale breeders held an impromptu meeting, figuring out best sheep sales strategy. Left to right, back row, are Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Arnold, Blanco; Jules Gipson, Johnson City; Patricia Arnold, Blanco; H. C. Noelke, Sheffield; Mr. and Mrs. Truett Stanford, Eldorado; E. Bergman, Round Mountain; and C. W. Riley, Fredericksburg.



#### HARD WORKING SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT

Jim Gray, Extension Animal Husbandman, Texas A&M College, who was superintendent of the sheep show at San Antonio, is shown here as he alertly gazes off into space and dreams about a whole night's sleep. During the show he acquired several nicknames, the most popular of which was "Ducky-Wucky". At one time during the show his desk was over a three-inch deep rivulet of water which ran merrily as the rain fell outside the tent. For his enjoyment the sheepmen stocked the stream with toy ducks.

The second energetic character below is that of Hubert Barron, who assisted Jim Gray in the sheep barn. He is attending the Burbank Vocational High School, studying agriculture.



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# Texas Delaine News

By Mrs. G. A. Glimp

THREE OF the major fat stock shows, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio are over, and since Mother Nature was so kind and cooperative, the crowds were exceedingly large and far surpassed most expectations.

J. A. Grady of San Angelo, whose name one automatically links with sheep, judged the Delaines at Fort Worth. There were some forty-five head of top quality animals entered, which certainly provided an interesting show. Accompanying Mr. Gray as a most interested spectator, was Dr. A. H. Babar of the State of Baluchistan in the Country of Pakistan. He is the chief animal husbandman there in charge of sheep and his com-

parison of the sheep industry here to theirs was an educational discourse, indeed. Also present for this show was Arthur Jewell, president of the Ohio Delaine Association. Both of these men were very complimentary on the excellent quality of Texas Delaines. R. R. Walston exhibited the champion ram with Joe Allcorn showing reserve. Walston had the champion and reserve in the ewes, which was a pair of ewe lambs. A more detailed and specific account of this show and the others will be found elsewhere in this magazine. Joe Benningfield of Goldthwaite, a new breeder, was very much in evidence at this show.

R. O. Sheffield, San Angelo rancher, judged the Delaines at Houston. The thirty-five choice animals on exhibit there certainly created and stimulated some very keen interest among the spectators that came from so many of the other states and countries to visit this great show. R. R. Walston's aged ram was again made champion with the reserve going to T. G. and M. E. Gromatzky. Gromatzky had champion ewe with the reserve going to Walston's ewe lamb.

Coming on down to the San Antonio show, we find J. E. Tatum of Rocksprings serving in the capacity as judge of Delaines. Competition

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## SHEEP & GOAT RAISER

### R. E. NOLAN RESIGNS AS MENARD CO. AGENT

R. E. (Bud) NOLAN has resigned, effective February 15, from his position as Menard County Agent. Nolan, who has been with the agricultural agent in Menard since 1948, will go to Robstown to serve as Nueces County Agent.

A 1934 graduate of Texas A. and M. College, Nolan entered the armed forces in 1942. He was released in 1946 and appointed agricultural agent in Polk County. In 1947 and 1948 he was in Saudi Arabia on an agricultural mission for the United States. Since his return he has been in Menard.

## Winners

(Continued from page 61)

Del Rio; 3rd, Frank Estes of Eldorado; 4th, Bill Cheek of Eldorado; 5th, Wilbert Ransleben of Fredericksburg; 6th, Charles Elliedeg of Del Rio; 7th, W. W. Ransleben; 8th, Barbara Whitehead of Medina; 9th, J. L. Stewardson of San Saba; 10th, Warren Hutchinson of Del Rio; 11th, Jim Morgan of Eldorado; 12th, Robert Moore of Eldorado.

Southdown and Southdown crossed lambs, 1st, Gloria Lou Stuart of Roby; 2nd, Melvin FFA and 4-H; 3rd, Schleicher County 4-H; 4th, Crockett County 4-H; 5th, Eden FFA.

### Open Classes

Fine wool lambs, 1st, Reinhold Sagebeil of Fredericksburg; 2nd, Jordan Westmoreland of Gregg of Plainview, 3rd, W. E. Bredemeyer of Winters; 4th, Richard Every of Kingfisher, Okla.; 5th, Orvis Pritchett of Edmond, Okla.; 6th, W. E. Bredemeyer of Winters; 7th, H. E. Stewardson of San Saba; 8th, Richard Every; 9th, Marge Moseley of Medina; 10th, J. L. Stewardson of San Saba; 11th and 12th, David Foy of Bartonsville.

Crossbred lambs other than Southdown, 1st, Florine Ehardt of Fredericksburg; 2nd, Carolyn Behrends of Luckenbach; 3rd, Reece Capron of Edmond, Okla.; 4th, J. A. Every; 5th, Clifford Spaetle of Doss; 6th, David Powell of Eldorado; 7th, Carolyn Behrend; 8th, Thomas W. Every; 9th, Linda Lou Moseley; 10th, Topper Rawlings; 11th, Martha Timmerman of New Braunfels; 12th, Raymond Mittel of Eldorado.

Champion fine wool lamb of show, Reinhold Sagebeil of Fredericksburg.

Reserve champion fine wool lamb of show, Bill Cheek of Eldorado.

Champion Southdown, Freddie Max Stuart of Roby.

Reserve champion Southdown, Gloria Lou Stuart of Roby.

Champion crossbred lamb, Robert and Theo Krum of Cuero.

Reserve champion crossbred, Donald Edwards of San Angelo.



**WALSTON SHOWS TOP DELAINE**

R. R. Walston, Menard, exhibited the top Delaine ram at the Southwestern Exposition. Walston Delaines were big winners at Fort Worth.

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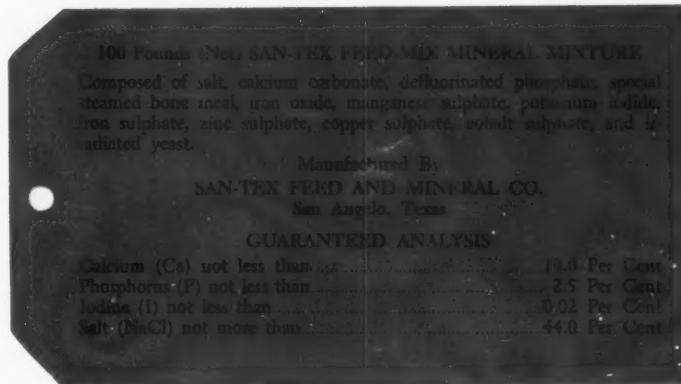
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